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Squatters seek help to find new place to live

By Eva Astrenidou

A GROUP of about 20 squatters have had to temporarily move from an empty Oxford University building onto another unused property and are asking for help in finding another safe place to stay before they are evicted.

The group of rough sleepers, who go by the name Iffley Open House, entered a derelict Volkswagen garage in Iffley Road to take shelter on New Year's Eve but left the site on Sunday after receiving a final eviction notice from Wadham College, which is looking to build student accommodation there.

The group of about 20 took up residence in the old power station at Osney, which is now owned by the Oxford University's Said Business School, at around 4pm on Sunday.

The building has stood empty for about seven years.

The group posted on their Facebook group on Monday saying: "This is only a temporary solution to our problem, and we will still need your support and suggestions in order to find another space in which we can stay in for a longer period of time.

"We have a shining recommendation from Wadham College, who will happily tell potential landlords about our spotless reputation as occupants."

The group has said it will operate a strict no drugs and no alcohol policy.

On Friday, Wadham College released a statement that said, "Over the last two months, Iffley Open House has looked after the interests of this vulnerable homeless group and we have been happy to assist by letting them shelter for several weeks at the Iffley Road site.

"However we have made it clear from the start of the occupation that we would need the premises back by the end of February. We therefore welcome Open House's renewed commitment to depart from the site, so that we can commence the pre-demolition process and contractors can gain entry to the site.

• The group of squatters and their supporters moved out of the derelict garage in Iffley Road into the old power station at Osney – but have now been told they must move again as the building is deemed unsafe

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A34 death crash driver: 'I deserve all that I get'

By Adam Flinn

"I'VE ruined a lot of people's lives, happiness and I deserve everything I get whatever comes now."

Those are the words of Lewis Stratford, who is due to be sentenced tomorrow for causing the death of 28-year-old Gavin Roberts by dangerous driving after a crash near Compton on the A34 last June.

He was speaking to Mr Roberts girlfriend Meg Williamson, in a meeting between the two broadcast on the BBC's Inside Out programme on Monday evening.

Miss Williamson arranged the meeting to "get some questions answered" about what happened on June 11 last year.

Stratford, of Field Avenue, Oxford, said during the exchange: "I know I caused a lot of pain for a lot of people. I know what I've done.

"I am sorry but I can't keep saying sorry because I know people don't want to hear it. Sorry's not going to make things better ever."

Talking about the crash, Stratford, 24, said: "[My girlfriend] was on the phone as the crash happened and she just said she heard scraping and brakes screeching, and obviously the impact was quite loud.

"He (Mr Roberts) was just minding his own business that night, and that's what I think about all the time. He was just going to work, it makes me feel horrible."

Mr Roberts, an Australian who was living in Swindon, died four days after the crash.

Stratford appeared at Reading Crown Court on January 24 charged with causing death by dangerous driving, to which he pleaded guilty.

During the meeting, Stratford said he had been making an emotional call to his girlfriend at the time of the crash.

Miss Williamson said: "You start to feel that life feels normal, then you feel guilty because you're still here, and I've been suffering really badly with my anxiety.

"Getting onto that road is really difficult, but I have sisters who travel on it, friends that travel on it every single day so it probably adds to my worry.

"I'm more conscious when I'm driving when I see other drivers on the road now, and if they're on their phone I just think that they don't realise, and a lot of people just don't care because they don't think it's going to happen to them.

"I don't want to hate you forever. I'm not that type of person, and eventually I'll probably be able to forgive you, but I just needed some questions answering first."

• *Gavin Roberts died in the crash on the A34 last summer*

It comes after a change in the law that took effect yesterday which sees the punishment for being caught driving while using a mobile phone increase to six penalty points and a £200 fine.

This is double the current fixed penalty of a £100 fine and three points.

The crash was one of a number of high-profile incidents on the A34 over the past year that included the deaths of four people in August caused by a driver who was distracted by his phone. He was jailed for 16 years in October.

MPs debated improving safety on the A34 in Parliament in October, leading to measures being announced such as CCTV cameras, electronic signs, and vehicle detection loops that detect traffic levels.

The full interview is available to watch on Inside Out South on BBC iPlayer.

Bus drivers on strike over pay

OXFORD Bus company has announced two days of strike action after disputes over Christmas pay.

The company said that passengers are likely to face significant disruption to their travel today and Monday as a result of industrial action by Unite, but say they will make every effort to minimise inconvenience and continue to seek a swift resolution.

Unite has called its members out on strike in a dispute over pay arrangements for drivers over the Christmas 2016 period.

Some of the services that will either be highly restricted or cancelled include the city2, city3, city4B, the airline (only affecting the route to Birmingham airport) and park&ride500. Stagecoach will operate equivalent services for most of the routes affected.

School services 38 and 35A will operate as normal.

The bus company has said that in line with industry standards drivers were paid premium rates for three bank holidays over the Christmas and New Year period.

Unite has asked for bank holiday pay over five days.

Average salary for drivers range from yearly earnings of £20,000 within the city and £34,000 on long-distance routes.

Oxford Bus Company has said that the demand for two extra bank holidays pay would be likely to mean an increase in fares for its passengers.

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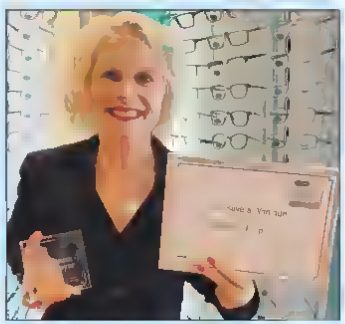

• *Wantage store director Nicky Rutter is delighted to have received the Platinum award*

Optician's delight at award

AN OPTICIAN in Wantage has been awarded Platinum Employer Status in recognition of the store 'being a great place to work'.

Specsavers based on Grove Street in Wantage achieved accreditation after being assessed against five standards in different areas of an employees experience.

Areas measured as part of the five stage process include performance management, recruitment induction talent management and rewards.

The Platinum Employer scheme was created to help support the recruitment and training of Specsavers staff across the country.

Nicky Rutter store director for Wantage said, "It's great to have received platinum as it is a testament to the hard work we are putting in here to create a positive culture as well as our commitment to staff development."

Paedophile jailed for more than two years

Adrian Sinnott found with 360,000 images of children

By George Scotland

A PAEDOPHILE has been jailed after he was found with more than 360 000 images of child pornography on his computer

Adrian Sinnott, 51, of Lake Street, Oxford was sentenced on Thursday last week to 16 months imprisonment for making illegal images of children and 12 months for prohibited images and extreme images totalling two years and four months in jail.

He had previously pleaded guilty at a magistrates hearing on January 6 to making indecent images of children, possessing extreme porn images and distributing pictures of children.

Officers attended Sinnott s property at 6 35am on December 3 2015 to execute a search warrant.

He was arrested later that morning

Police seized a number of items including his computer and upon forensic examination these items were found to contain indecent images and videos of children

More than 360 000 child images were found on Sinnott s computer including 316,000 Category C type images, as well as 22,368 Category A type and 22,123 Category B type.

▪ Adrian Sinnott

There were also 40 images of extreme pornography

It is believed that the number of images overall exceeded a million.

The offences took place between August 27 2011 and December 3 2015

Investigating officer Detective Constable Jeffrey Whelde from the Paedophile Online Investigation Team, said "I am pleased with this conviction.

"We never lose sight of the fact that each individual image depicts a child being abused.

"Looking for the image, storing it and sharing it is part of the abuse of these children."

He added: "Our message to those people engaged in this activity is simple– we will trace you and bring you to justice."

Iffley Open House told to leave Osney old power station site

▪ Campaigners protesting outside Oxford Crown Court

▪ From front page

"We continue to be in dialogue with Iffley Open House representatives members of the local council and local housing charities to encourage their attempts to find alternative accommodation for this homeless group "

Stephen Rouse, a media spokesperson for the university said a possession order for the old power station will have to be issued out of concern for the safety of the squatters.

He said. "The old power station is used to store more than 140 000 items from the collections of the Museums of the History of Science and the Pitt Rivers Museum, and a project team has been working on these collections in a separate part of the building.

"For some time, we have prevented our staff from entering the part of the building which has been occupied by Iffley Open House because of a number of safety concerns including the risk of falling masonry

"We will therefore be seeking an interim possession order as soon as possible, out of concern for the safety of the members of Iffley Open House

"We are very sympathetic to the plight of these homeless people and we will continue to speak to their representatives about how to resolve the situation."

Iffley Open House has now launched a petition to ensure Said Business school allow them to 'stay out the winter

It was believed that a court ruling allowing the squatters to stay in the Iffley Road premises until April had gone through in January

Special events to commemorate Women's Day

EVENTS are being held at Oxford University to mark International Women's Day next week.

A range of exhibitions will celebrate gender equality starting on Wednesday with 'How Far Have We Come?', a roundtable discussion which will include media mogul, Rupert Murdoch on the panel.

The humanities division is also getting involved and will stage two exhibitions which will focus on women in the university while Somerville College Library will look at the work and connections of philosophers Philipa Foot and Iris Murdoch.

It will also showcase publications by women faculty members in philosophy

The Museum of History of Science will host a celebration of Nobel Prize winner Dorothy Crowfoot Hodgkin.

The museum has also teamed up with Oxford Neuroscience to present an exhibition about the brain.

Diary of events

Gender Equality at Oxford. How Far Have We Come – Wednesday March 8, 5 30pm & 6 45pm Oxford Martin School

Exhibition: Women in the Humanities – Wednesday, March 8 – Friday March 10, Lobby of the Radcliffe Humanities building

Crystal, Careers, Penicillin – Thursday March 9, 7pm, Museum of History of Science

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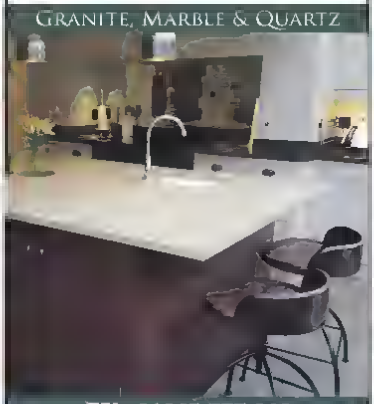

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Calls for transparency on cuts to healthcare

By George Welch

OXFORDSHIRE County Council has called for transparency and further detail about knock on effects of plans to change primary care from the group that commissions health services across the county

The county's cabinet said in a meeting on Tuesday last week that it cannot support the Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group's (OCCG) plans to deal with a £134m funding gap in the region's NHS

The first phase of consultation on the plans for the future of Oxfordshire Health and Care Services started on January 16.

In the meeting, members of the cabinet reviewed the consultation and referred to a lack of forward thinking in the sustainability and transformation plan (STP) in that a change in one amenity could lead to a wider domino effect

In a post-meeting report the response was that the plans, which include a change in bed-stock, intensive care services and maternity services at the Horton General Hospital could have a significant knock-on effect on other services.

The councillors resolved, "These possible impacts are not covered by this consultation.

"This is a vital issue for local people and is therefore a serious deficiency in the consultation document."

They said they understand the concept of closing hospital bed stock to help prevent admission and also help to reduce harmful long stays, but added "The UK already has lower numbers of beds than comparable European countries.

"At a time when pressures on emergency departments are rising and delayed transfers of care remain a cause for concern, it may be premature to make these changes.

"It may be more sensible for Oxfordshire to adopt a 'wait and see' policy on this issue until the impact of bed closures proposed in other parts of the country can be properly evaluated."

On the topic of adult social care in the community and the proposals of focusing on care closer to home, they said, "There are times in the acute phase of an illness or in cases requiring complex care or post-op care when a hospital bed may be the best place to be.

Again, the proposals do not contain the detail we would need about community services for us to have a sensible understanding of their impact on adult social care."

The cabinet also concluded that the production of the consultation underwent a significant delay that could have in turn affected the coherence of the proposals.

They added, "It makes the consultation feel less transparent to communities The consultation proposals as they stand are unlikely to satisfy the concerns of people in some parts of the county"

The report added that with the addition of 100 000 homes within Oxfordshire in the period 2011 31, of which around 85 000 remain to be built, that the NHS proposals "should take full account of the scale of new housing"

A spokeswoman for Oxfordshire CCG said, "The CCG is currently seeking people's views and opinions on the plans for transformation of health services in Oxfordshire.

"Our consultation will listen to feedback from everyone who gets involved, including cabinet members at Oxfordshire County Council."

The updated version of the OCCG proposals will be presented to the county council on March 21 to gather further comment.

• Chris Green with Jodie Sabin from the Make-A-Wish Foundation, and below, halfway through the shave

Close shave for Chris

COTSWOLD Wildlife Park handed out quite a treat to global charity Make A Wish

On February 23, the Make-A Wish Foundation visited the park for a cheque presentation by the penguin keeper, Chris Green.

Mr Green recently raised £1 717 50 by shaving off his beard that he was growing for three years for his favourite charity and presented them with the cheque in the penguin enclosure.

He said, "I m really touched by people s generosity and want to thank everyone who supported me and donated to this incredible charity I'm already plotting my next fundraising venture and if anyone has any great ideas please get in touch!"

Jodie Sabin from Make-A Wish said "Chris has a raised a fantastic amount of money for Make A Wish and we are really grateful to him for everything he has done

"The money raised will go towards granting magical wishes for children living with life threatening illnesses and we simply wouldn t be able to do this work without the amazing support from people like Chris."

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E-fit released

BICESTER. An e-fit image has been released after a woman was sexually assaulted in Bicester two weeks ago

Police would like to speak to a man who matches the description of the e-fit (pictured below) in connection with the sexual assault

The incident took place at around 6 50pm on Thursday February 16 when a woman in her 30s was walking in Chapel Street when she saw a man approaching her

The man then spoke to the victim and sexually assaulted her before running away in the direction of Priory Road

Banbury CID are appealing to anyone who recognises the man depicted in the e-fit or who has further information

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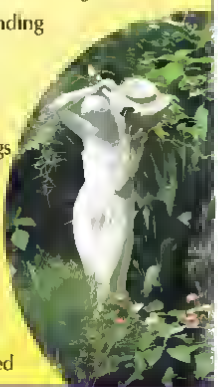

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▪ *The explosion at the block of flats in Gibbs Crescent on February 14 (Picture by Alexander Hammonds)*

Police conclude on-site investigations

By George Welch

POLICE officers have left the scene of an explosion in west Oxford after completing their on-site investigations.

Thames Valley Police confirmed on Thursday last week that it had completed its work at Gibbs Crescent as investigations move away from the site of destruction where a three-storey block of flats was flattened.

At around 4.45pm on February 14, emergency services were called to Gibbs Crescent, following an explosion and fire.

Following the Valentine's Day blast, a multi-agency operation was launched to make the area safe and to carry out investigation work.

A post-mortem examination into human remains found in the rubble of the collapsed block of flats has proved 'inconclusive', police have said.

Emergency crews have secured the rubble near the marina and the remains are believed to be that of missing man Guido Schuette.

The force issued a public appeal for the 48-year-old, who officially remains missing, on February 9.

Mr Schuette's family has been informed and are continuing to be offered support from officers.

Thames Valley Police neighbourhood officers have been patrolling Gibbs Crescent to offer support to residents.

The force last week launched a recovery co-ordination group which will be headed up by Oxford City Council and the site has been handed over to Oxford City Council and housing association A2Dominion.

A2Dominion has a site office and support officers to assist residents who have remained at Gibbs Crescent and ongoing support is being given by A2D to those who have been displaced by this incident.

Tim Sadler, city council's executive director for community services, who is chairing the recovery co-ordination group, said: "The group will include representatives from the police, A2D, social care, the NHS and other agencies if and when necessary.

"Its role is to oversee and co-ordinate the return of the area to a state of normality as quickly and safely as possible, and to coordinate responses to the needs of residents who have been affected by the emergency."

Fleeing Oxford raises £13k for charity

OXFORD students travelled more than 27,000 miles in 36 hours raising over £12,800 for charities.

The 27 teams set off at 6am on Saturday with no money and relying only on the goodwill of passers by to help them get as far away as possible.

Two of this year's jailbreakers have raised £1,007.66, reaching Louvain-la-Neuve in Belgium.

Third year students Eleanor Holt and Chevonne van Rhee set off on their challenge with very little else than the goal to get as far away from Oxford as possible by 6pm on Sunday.

The pair had no money, tickets or passes, but just 36 hours to complete their challenge.

They were busy in the run-up to the big day collecting more than £560 from their bake sale on February 22, and featuring on the radio the very same day.

All the cash raised goes straight to charity and half of the cash to charities based in Oxford.

The charities to receive the donations are Oxford Homeless Pathways, Oxford Sexual Abuse and Rape Crisis, Student Minds, and the Schistosomiasis Control Initiative.

▪ *Eleanor Holt and Chevonne van Rhee managed to get to Belgium without any cash as part of the Oxford jailbreak*

Before embarking on the challenge they said: "We are inspired by the work of these charities and think they are hugely deserving of your support.

'Obviously these are quite big targets so at the moment we are trying to raise as much awareness as possible.

"We think it's a fantastic and pretty unusual opportunity to raise money and much-needed awareness for four really deserving charities, so at the moment we're mostly excited, if a little apprehensive about the size of the challenge we've set ourselves.

"But we think getting even close to those goals would be really worthwhile."

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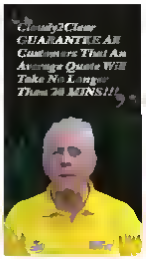

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• Oxford City Farm members receive their cheque from the Big Lottery Fund

Funding boost leads to Fun on the Farm

By Eva Astreinidou

A CHARITY bidding to establish a working community based farm in Oxford is celebrating after receiving more than £3 000 from the Big Lottery Fund to run a community event later this year

Oxford City Farm said it was "delighted" to receive a large cheque of £3 018 50 to help organise their Fun on the Farm community event on October 8.

The group was the last in England to receive funding from the Big Lottery Fund's Celebrate programme which aims to help local groups hold events or activities to bring people together and celebrate what makes their community special

The project aims to change a brownfield site on Cornwallis Road into a farm that works with the community including schools educating them about food, farming and the future

Sally Mullard, volunteer fundraising co-ordinator for Oxford City Farm, said, "We re delighted to have received this funding

"The focus for the day will be on celebrating all the work our volunteers steering group and supporters have put into securing a wonderful new green space for the local community

"We have lots of fun food-related activities planned including bring-a-plate picnic apple pressing, music and craft activities for kids and lots more

"It will also be a great opportunity for local people to see the site and share their ideas about how the farm will develop"

The funding will also help the farm to build two toilets for the site and employ an event co-ordinator and community artist to help organise and run the event.

The trustees of Oxford City Farm also announced the signing of a 40-year lease on a 2 3 acre piece of land in the Florence Park area of East Oxford last week.

The group said, "The lease enables us to get on the land and get stuck into the work of bringing city farming to Oxford."

Burglars with machete being sought by cops

A PAIR of raiders armed with a machete kicked in a Bampton man's door and stole his shotguns.

The victim, a man in his 30s, told police he was alone in his Station Road home when a man knocked in his door at around 10.20pm on February 19

He was on the phone at the time and saw the man through the window but did not answer

About 10 minutes later his front door was kicked in and the intruder armed with a machete, threatened the victim and 'demanded items' police said.

The machete-wielding burglar, a white man, was then joined by a black man, described as around 6ft tall with dreadlocks.

Police said the white man was wearing a dark woolly hat with a scarf around his face, a dark coat with the hood pulled up khaki or blue trousers and bright yellow running shoes

The pair stole three shotguns and cartridges before driving off in a small dark-coloured hatchback car

The victim was not hurt

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Campaign urging men to talk about mental problems

By Eva Astrienidou

AN MP is backing a five-year campaign by Time to Change that aims to break the cycle of men feeling unable to talk about mental health issues, after alarming figures reveal that suicide is the biggest killer in males under 45

On Thursday last week, Time to Change launched their new five-year campaign In Your Corner which urges friends to help their mates talk about mental health issues and be a person they can confide in.

Men are three times more likely to die by suicide than women.

Writing for The Huffington Post, Nicola Blackwood, MP and minister for public health and innovation, said: "The human cost is unacceptable and shows the need for swift action and a renewed focus at all levels – from central and local government, from charities and voluntary organisations."

The Oxford West and Abingdon member added: "Talking about mental health issues can be daunting. I have seen first-hand how important it is to have someone they can confide in and trust."

She added "I am determined that our mental health services are also somewhere people feel they can reach out to for help.

"We now have strengthened our cross Government suicide prevention strategy which specifically targets those most at risk like young and middle-aged men. We have worked with local authorities to make sure that every local area has a suicide prevention strategy in place by the end of 2017

"So far 95 per cent of local authorities have or are developing one, which is a big step forward."

Jo Loughran, director of operations at Time to Change, said. "Our research clearly shows that mental health problems are just not on the radar for men.

"However, we also know that men feel strongly about brotherhood and friendship and can play a vital role in looking out for their friends mental health and wellbeing.

"We want to show that being in your friend's corner doesn't have to be difficult or awkward. Breaking the cycle of men feeling unable to reach out has never been more urgent. We need to help men realise they can make a real difference, even change someone's life"

Dan Knowles, CEO at Oxfordshire Mind, said. "We are deeply saddened with the most recent data and the ongoing trend in male suicide rates. Suicide in every age and gender bracket is a tragedy and more work must be done to understand those people at risk. Of course, we will continue to support them when they need it

"We were pleased with the Prime Minister's announcement earlier in the year surrounding the need for mental health reform and hope this will have an impact on these statistics."

In January, PM Theresa May committed to making mental health care a priority for this government.

Get your orange juices flowing

HELP Oxfordshire go orange this month and raise funds for Helen & Douglas House.

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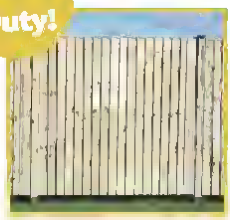

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Support the Oxfordshire Guardian's charity of the year – Play2Give

Team set to take on monster of a race

By George Welch

A TEAM of five will tackle the might of next month s Monster Race to support our charity of the year Play2Give, in its 10th anniversary year

Leaseguard Group Ltd, based at Unipart House in Garsington Road, Cowley, Oxford, has assembled a squad to defeat the mighty obstacle assault run at Cornbury Park in west Oxfordshire on April 1

Funds raised will help P2G support local people in need.

The contract lifecycle management company which has been running for 25 years, helps NHS Trusts generate savings on their maintenance and leasing contracts

The team, led by Lee Edwards, from Didcot, also includes Lesley Saunders, Jonathan Wickens, and husband and wife pair Charlie and Martyn Sadler They hope to raise £400

The Monster Race will involve the fabulous five taking on a range of obstacles in 5k or 10k races which all include lots of mud and water and the bog of eternal stench.

Lee, who has been friends with P2G s founder Andrew Baker from Didcot, since they met in 2008, said. "Andrew's an inspiration. We are all honoured to take part in the gruelling challenge to support him and this fantastic cause.

"Andrew has worked tirelessly (with the support of others) to raise extraordinary amounts of money

"There have been some really fantastic initiatives, such as football tournaments that I have had the pleasure of playing in. Andrew s energy and dedication despite his own challenges never cease to amaze "

P2G has raised £55,670 for a catalogue of local charities since Andrew formed the fundraising organisation in September 2007 Of this the children s hospital has benefited from more than £40,000

Born with a brain injury Andrew has been raising money for charity since the age of 14 in 2003 when he was inspired by treatment he received. He had major brain surgery aged 12 for a tumour that developed following a head injury four years earlier

The funds Leaseguard raise will go into P2G s £10k in 10 appeal this year as part of its 10th anniversary charity campaign.

The Children's Hospital at the John Radcliffe and brain injury charity Headway Oxfordshire will also benefit from the Monster Run.

To sponsor the Leaseguard team, visit tmyurl.com/z5sj8w

P2G has already raised over £1,900 in its £10k in 10 appeal. To donate, visit tmyurl.com/zksd8xx.

• Raring to go in the Monster Race are, from left, Lesley Saunders, Lee Edwards, Charlie Sadler and Jonathan Elenore Wickens

Hospital honour for P2G

A ROOM at Oxford Children's Hospital (Choc) will be named in honour of Play2Give (P2G) and unveiled next week as testament to the charity s decade of efforts

The room at Melanie's Ward was due to be opened under its new name yesterday with celebrations to mark the contribution of P2G coinciding with the charity's 10th anniversary year

The P2G room is on Melanie s Ward, where teenagers stay at the hospital.

To name the room the charity had to raise £40 000

Now the hospital is recognising the charity s long term contribution and philanthropy after the organisation s years of support.

Andrew Baker founder of the charity, said. "It was a lovely sentiment for Play2Give's efforts to be valued and recognised in such a special way

"Never did we think we would achieve this so to see it become 'real' in that the name of the organisation becomes a lasting legacy is truly the proudest and most amazing achievement in both that of P2G and my fundraising's history "

Speaking of future plans with the hospital Andrew said the charity will continue to fundraise to help provide the very best and the latest medical equipment and facilities "above and beyond NHS standards"

He also mentioned that the accolade was extra special as Mya, 14 who is the daughter of P2G s Dale Harris, will benefit from the room throughout her teenage years

P2G has raised funds through events by taking part in fun runs and through campaigns like Sleigh2Give, which aims to bring joy and Christmas cheer to the young patients

Andrew added. "We are truly thankful to the hospital charity and the ward for giving us this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity It isn't just given to anyone."

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The amount is part of £4m awarded to 19 councils for technology that will improve road travel through apps and sensors with the capacity to give motorists advance notice of congestion and notify them of free parking spaces.

The technology could be used to cut congestion and improve parking in city centres.

John Howell MP for Henley said: "It is good to see Oxfordshire getting one of the highest bids for projects. I am sure these will make a big difference to travellers and it is good to see technology being brought into use at an early stage."

Roads minister Andrew Jones MP, said: "I congratulate the cutting-edge, innovative ideas. Technology is rapidly evolving and this important work shows that if we get it right...it can cut congestion, speed up journeys, clean up the environment and improve accessibility."

Ponds to spice up park

Volunteers count fish as part of an earlier Wild Banbury project

By Samantha McGregor

A WILDLIFE charity wants to build three ponds to improve Spiceball Park in Banbury.

Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust, BBOWT has submitted proposals to create the water features on rough grassland.

One will include a pond dipping deck as well as educational signs aimed at getting local people involved in nature. The area will also be used for outdoor learning sessions by local schools.

BBOWT has teamed up with Banbury Town Council to create Wild Banbury, a volunteer group aimed at improving wild life areas across the town.

The project has been funded through grants from Heritage Lottery Fund, Grundon Waste Management, Banbury town and Cherwell district councils.

If the planning application is approved work on the first two larger ponds could start this summer.

In a report, BBOWT said Spiceball Park did not have any ponds that were separate to the River Cherwell.

It said: "Ponds have rich flora and fauna and provide habitat for a variety of species such as amphibians and invertebrates.

"They also have the potential to attract and support legally protected species such as great crested newts and various bat species.

"The new wildlife ponds will not be stocked with fish, therefore they will be able to support breeding populations of amphibians.

"All works will be undertaken in as environmentally sensitive a way as possible."

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Assault charges

BICESTER: Two people have been charged after four people were allegedly assaulted at a house in Hamilton Close on February 18.

Fergie Suka, 19, from Lena Crescent, Enfield, London, faces four counts of assault by beating, and a 16-year-old boy, also from London, has been charged with one count.

Both have appeared at Banbury Magistrates' Court. Suka was remanded in custody and the juvenile released on conditional bail.

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Teachers choose the children most in need of help – some have lost confidence are shy or don't communicate well, others don't speak English at home and some just need a boost to help them catch up.

ARCh – Assisted Reading for Children in Oxfordshire – recruits, trains and supports volunteers in primary schools through individual sessions each week with their volunteer helper.

Volunteers aim to make children feel happy reading and to think of it as something they can enjoy.

As well as reading they play word, board and memory games and draw – all things designed to help boost their confidence.

But the charity is now looking for more volunteers to help the project with training schemes on March 7 and 8 and May 9 and 10.

Volunteers are expected to help in a primary school for one and a-half hours twice a week – after attending two training sessions – and commit to helping at a school for a year.

ARCh is looking for volunteers to help in Oxford city – particularly the Cowley Littlemore, Blackbird Leys areas – and in Witney Abingdon, Didcot, Bicester and Banbury.

They are also asking companies to get involved – working in partnership with ARCh will combine staff development with community outreach, using an established training and placement programme to achieve maximum impact in terms of staff development staff morale and community perception, all while helping youngsters read.

For more information on volunteering, go to their website: archoxfordshire.org.uk.

What a difference a book makes

AFTER a hugely enjoyable 40-year career spent in professional communications last summer I decided to "step off the business run mill", writes *David Jones*.

My "retirement plan" was like all good communications – uncomplicated and unambiguous. More time spent pursuing my hobbies of watching sport keeping fit, travelling and reading.

I deemed I would "put a bit back into the community" through volunteering and literacy was an area where I'd always felt I could best use my skills and experience. But where should I start?

I warmed to the idea of working with an adult learning group attracted by the thought of helping people who leave school with little or no reading and writing skills.

But if adult literacy groups offer hope of a cure for illiteracy I couldn't help feeling that helping children to read before they leave school can actively prevent the problem – and prevention is always better than cure!

So when I learned that ARCh provide Assisted Reading for Children in more than 100 primary schools throughout my home county I knew that this was the volunteering opportunity I'd been looking for.

I was unashamedly excited by the prospect of belonging to an organisation that is dedicated to making a lasting difference to the lives of children in Oxfordshire by inspiring them to discover the joy of reading.

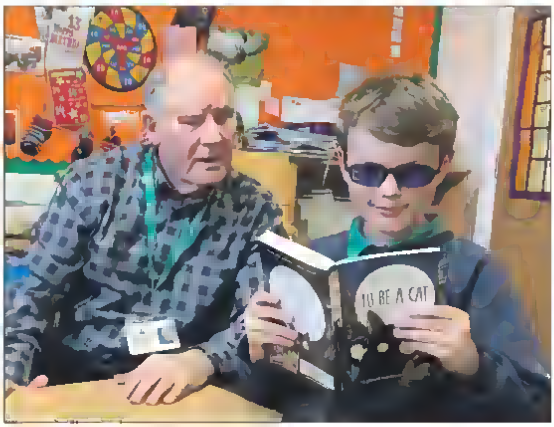
After completing ARCh's training support programme, I was seconded to a school in Wallingford where I was introduced to the Year Five boys who have become my Three Musketeers.

Two were reluctant readers who lacked confidence while the other was said to "bark at print" and show little interest in books. In the three months we've read together reading confidence has improved noticeably to the point where they happily read aloud in class.

The boy who barked at print – what a great book title that would make – has to our mutual delight, read six books including a 300 page novel.

Becoming a volunteer reader is truly one of the most inspiring and rewarding things I have ever done. And to think, I never really believed the adage that our schooldays are the best time of our lives.

Thanks to ARCh – I do now!



▪ *David Jones helps a pupil at St Johns Primary in Wallingford to love reading*

Get In the Mood for great music

NOT many bands play a variety of music from Abba to Glenn Miller but that s exactly what you can expect from a concert in Banbury

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Based in Hinckley, Leicestershire, the John Cleveland Band play extensively in nearby Northamptonshire and further afield, including Europe. Performances include concerts and dinner dances of a private and charitable nature

Having started in 1976 as an extra-curricular activity at the John Cleveland College school, they evolved into an adult band and have just celebrated their 40th year

Tickets for Eric Darlington with the John Cleveland Band are £10. They are on sale at St Mary's Box Office (01295 253329 between 9.45 and 11am, Monday to Friday). Banbury Tourist Information Centre (01295 753752), and also on 07410 550649

The concert starts at 7.30pm and ends around 10pm.

Landlord slapped with £20,000 fine over poor housing

By Eva Astreinidou

AN OXFORD landlord has been served with a large bill after being caught running an unlicensed and poorly managed house in multiple occupation (HMO)

Asad Shazad, 37, of Cross Street was fined £20,000 when he appeared before Oxford Magistrates' Court on Tuesday last week. Costs added another £1,695 to his bill.

An environmental health officer from Oxford City Council visited the property on Moorbank in Blackbird Leys in July last year and found the two-storey property being occupied by six people

The house was found to be poorly maintained and the landlord had failed to take the necessary fire safety precautions that are required in an HMO

Shazad was found guilty of four breaches of the HMO management regulations and fined £2,000 per breach including failing to display his details in a prominent location within the property or taking the necessary fire safety precautions

He was also fined £12,000 for the operation of an unlicensed HMO

Councillor Alex Hollingsworth, board member for planning and regulatory services at the city council, said: "I'm delighted that the courts have imposed a substantial fine in this case to deter other landlords from renting out unlicensed and unsafe properties."

The property was run as an unlicensed house in multiple occupation

Kebab team are van-tastic

THAME BASED Atalay Kebab has beaten the competition to win a top prize at the British Kebab Awards

The event, at a swanky ceremony in London on Sunday, awarded Turkish-born Russel Atalay the prestigious Kebab Van of the Year title

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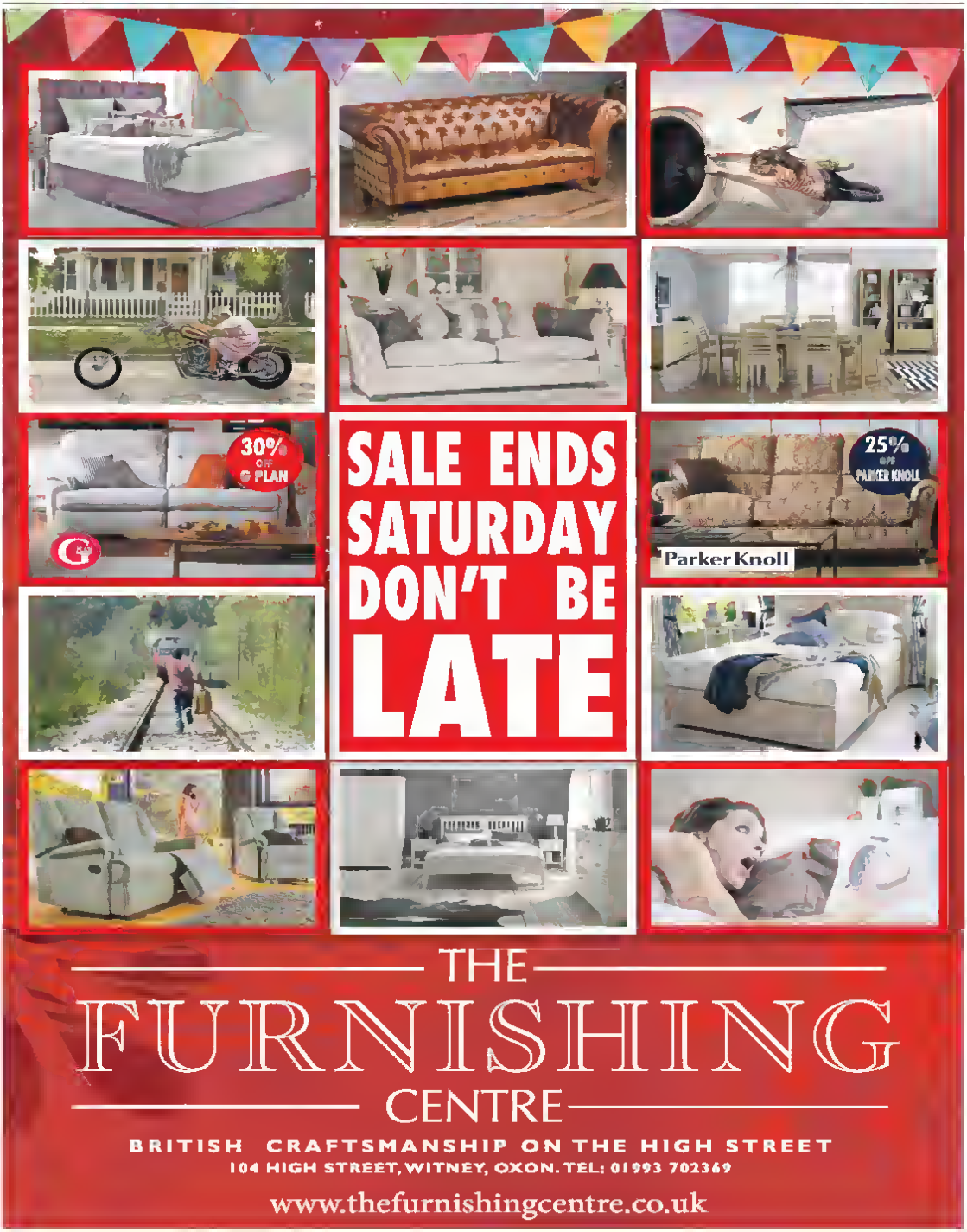

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Work begins on new homes at Bretch Hill

By Samantha McGregor

WORK to build new homes at the site of a former church in Bretch Hill is set to start after a £1.44m contract was awarded.

A total of 11 new two and three-bedroom homes will be constructed at The Fairway, in Hope Close, Banbury.

The homes will be part of the council's Build! Programme, a self-build scheme to help North Oxfordshire residents get on to the housing ladder.

It comes after Cherwell District Council appointed Edgar Taylor (Buckingham) Limited to build the shared ownership homes.

The council's executive approved the contract last month.

Cherwell acquired the land from the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes as part of a development agreement for the site.

It included demolition of the old Fairway Methodist Church and provision of a replacement building, which has now been completed.

Cllr John Donaldson, Cherwell's lead member for housing, said: "This land had become a large derelict site, with a disused church at the front and untended land to the rear.

"Through the Build! project we have been able to bring this land back into use, the church now once again serving members of the community, while the homes will provide affordable housing at a great location in Banbury.

"Now the works for the church are complete, we have appointed Edgar Taylor to carry out the next stage of the development. Once works are complete, we will be able to hand over these properties to their future owners who will be able to put the finishing touches and create their very own dream home."

The shared ownership homes will be sold on a 'sell/finish' basis whereby buyers get a discount on the market value in return for completing the homes. This ranges from fitting bathrooms and kitchens to decorating and hanging doors and skirting board.

These homes will be built to Passivhaus standards, which includes eco measures and improved insulation to help reduce heating costs.

The development is being carried out in two phases. Phase one, which has already begun, includes the 11 building's substructure, the provision of utilities and an estate road.

The contract approved last week paves the way for the completion of the development's superstructure as part of phase two.

Sean Woodcock, Banbury Labour group leader, said: "I am very pleased with this development and look forward to it.

"The key will be insuring that property infrastructure is in place and that contributions from the developer are sufficient for what the area needs."

Fresh appeal for missing man

• Mark Robinson

POLICE have issued a fresh appeal for information about a man who has been missing from his Oxfordshire home since last month.

Mark Robinson, aged 53 from Crowell, in Chinnor, was last seen on Thursday January 26, at about 7am in Chinnor Road.

He was wearing a suit and a grey overcoat and carrying a black leather shoulder bag.

He is described as white, 6ft tall, of medium build, with balding grey hair.

Mark has access to a grey Mazda 3 vehicle and may have travelled to West Yorkshire, West Midlands, Cumbria, Lancashire or Scotland.

PC Neil McGrath said Mr Robinson's family was "extremely worried for his welfare".

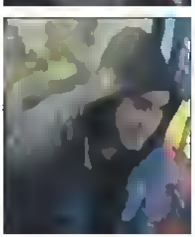
He said: "The force has still not been able to make contact with Mark since he went missing last month.

"We are urging motorists to keep a look out for anyone matching the description of Mark Robinson driving a grey Mazda 3.

"Mark, if you see this appeal, please make contact with Thames Valley Police so we can let your friends and family know you are safe and well."

Anyone with information about Mr Robinson should call 101.

Camera clue to raid on newsagent



• Police would like information on the people in these CCTV images

POLICE have released security camera images after a newsagent's flat was burgled.

Five people went into the shop in West Street, Chipping Norton, where some of the group "distracted" the owner while others crept upstairs to a flat.

They broke in and stole a safe containing cash and an undisclosed amount of money.

Police said all members of the group then left the shop.

The incident happened at about 10.30am on Monday January 30, however the CCTV footage has only just been released by police.

They are appealing for anyone with any information about the burglary or anyone who recognises the people shown in the image to contact PC Adam Clark.

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Quick Clues Across

1 Over-generous (4-7)
9 Long fish (3)
10 Expedient (9)
11 Ends (5)
13 Letter (7)
14 Waterlogged (6)
16 Calm (6)
18 Unaffected (7)
19 Attacked (5)
20 Transport for the wounded (9)
21 Kind of vegetable (3)
22 Indicating dissent (4-7)

Quick Clues Down

2 Lubricate (3)
3 Snares (5)
4 Grudges (6)
5 Pause (7)
6 Makes hostile (9)
7 Emotional (14)
8 Showing deep respect (11)
12 Touchy (9)
15 Came with a crash (7)
17 Settle conclusively (6)
19 Fracture (5)
21 Peg of wood or metal (3)

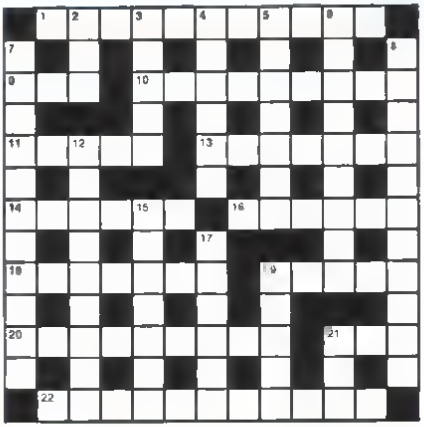
Scribble space

Cryptic Clues Across

1 Makes a monopoly with a sound foundation (11)
9 Strikingly away from home (3)
10 Urge to disturb the giant site (9)
11 Legend has it she made her own tombstone (5)
13 Steam is the making of a French 14 (7)
14 Expert with disturbed trails (6)
16 A three-mile alliance (6)
18 I and a friend took it to copy (7)
19 French word and music (5)
20 But you won't often write music on it (9)
21 Like the other inmates of 21 down, it is said (3)
22 Strong positions for the principal card players? (11)

Cryptic Clues Down

2 To a different type of corn (3)
3 A piano is excellent for yielding sound (5)
4 It will make me sure to start again (6)
5 Sounds as if this will be prickly (7)
6 An adjacent spectacle can cause myopia (4 5)
7 Female supporters? (11)
8 It's respectful to face round the fee mixed up with the rent (11)
12 He ought to be well equipped (9)
15 Trod forcibly – it nearly caused a beastly rush (7)
17 One keeps one's ear close to the place of worship (6)
19 Code for the majority round head of state (5)
21 Paid shortly about nothing for the case (3)



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	1	9			3	6		
		8	5				4	2
	6		1	7				5
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	2						3	
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4	8				9	5		
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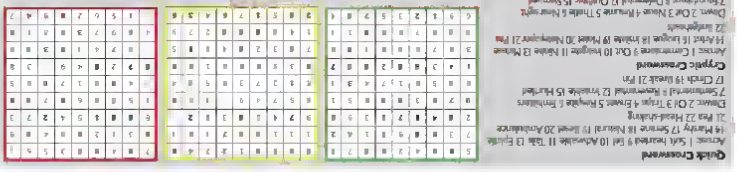
This week's solutions



Quick Crossword
Across: 1 Sylvia Plath 5 Bel 10 Absolute 11 Tale 12 Eureka 14 Penny 17 Spruce 18 Island 19 Asset 20 Abdicate
21 Pea 22 Headstanding
Down: 2 Oil 3 Trial 4 Brass 5 Maybe 6 Emotion 7 Sentimental 8 Represented 12 Yvette 15 Hatred
Cryptic Crossword
Across: 1 Commune 9 Old 10 Hedgehog 11 Halve 13 Melee 14 Hotel 16 Lagoon 18 Inhale 19 Made 20 Metaphysical 24 Ire
22 Ladybirds
Down: 2 Oat 3 Mule 4 Humane 5 Thale 6 Newspeak 7 Resuscitate 8 Diamond 12 Outlaw 15 Sampan 17 Tangle 19 Mace 21 Hat

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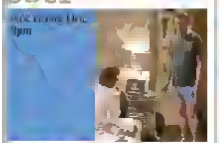

6.00 Homes Under the Hammer (S) (F) **11.00 Hair Hunters** (S) **11.45 Dom on the Spot** (S) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** (S) **1.00 BBC News at One Weather** (S) **1.30 BBC Regional News and Weather** (S) **1.45 Doctors** (S) **2.15 The Coroner** (S)(R) **3.00 Escape to the Country** (S)(R) **3.45 The Farmers' Country Showdown** (S) **4.30 Flog It!** (S) **5.15 Pointless** (S) **6.00 BBC News** (S) **6.30 BBC Regional News** (S)

7.00 The One Show (S)
7.30 **A Question of Sport** With Jonnie Peacock, Pamela Cookey, Anthony Crolla and Curtis Davies' (S)(R) BBC News (S)

8.00 **EastEnders** Mick prepares for the all-important visit from the bank. (S)
8.30 **Room 101** With Rob Delaney, Davina McCall and Laurence Fox.

9.00 **Not Going Out** Lee and Lucy ponder whether to have another child. (S)
9.30 **Tracey Ullman's Show** Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall looks after Princes Charlotte. (S)

10.00 BBC News at Ten (S)
10.25 BBC Regional News and Weather, (S) National Lottery Update. (S)
10.35 The Graham Norton Show (S)

11.25 FILM **Meet the Fockers (2004)** (13) Comedy sequel with Ben Stiller and Robert De Niro. (S)

AFTER 12
1.15 Weather for the Week Ahead (S)
1.30 BBC News (S)

BBC2

6.00 The World's Most Photographed (S)(R) **8.30 Nor Hunters** (S)(R) **9.15 Sign Zone Big Dreams Small Spaces** (S)(R) **8.15 Live Athletics: European Indoor Championships** (S) **12.00 Daily Politics** (S) **1.00 Two Tribes** (S)(R) **1.30 Beat the Brain** (S)(R) **2.00 Natural World** (S)(R) **3.00 Live Athletics. European Indoor Championships** Gabby Logan presents coverage. (S)

7.30 **Mastermind** John Humphrys introduces the 2017 final. Last in the series. (S)

8.30 **Only Connect** The Psmiths take on the Cosmopolitans in a quarter-final match. (S)

9.00 **The Secrets of Your Food** The taming of a bitter potato in the Peruvian Andes. (S)

10.00 QI With Sne Parkins, Romesh Ranganathan and Bill Bailey. (S) (R)
10.30 Newsnight (S)

11.00 Weather (S)
11.05 Imagine: Growing Old Disgracefully: Diana Athill (S)(R)

12.05 Taboo (S)(R) **1.00** Further Back in Time for Dinner (S)(R) **2.00** FILM **Genghis Khan (1965) (PG)** Historical adventure, starring Omar Sharif. (S) **4.05 Sign Zone Birds of Paradise. The Ultimate Quest** (S)(R) **5.05 Royal Recipes** (S)(R) **5.45 This is BBC Two** (S)

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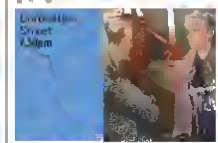

6.00 Good Morning Britain (S) **9.30 Lorraine** (S) **9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S) **10.30 This Morning** (S) **12.30 Lease Women** (S) **1.30 ITV Lunchtime News** Weather (S) **1.55 ITV Regional News** Weather (S) **2.00 Judge Rinder** (S) **3.00 The Home Game** (S) **3.59 ITV Regional Weather** (S) **4.00 Tipping Point** (S) **5.00 The Chase** (S) **6.00 ITV Regional News** (S) **6.30 ITV Evening News** Weather (S)

7.00 **Emmerdale** Charity feels she has let Sarah down. (S)
7.30 **Coronation Street** Sinead reveals she is pregnant. (S)

8.00 **Scheifield's South African Adventure** Phillip Schofield rides a cable car to the top of Table Mountain. (S)
8.30 **Coronation Street** (S)

9.00 **Lethal Weapon** New series. A maverick cop is partnered with a veteran detective trying to maintain a low stress level. Action drama based on the films, starring Clayne Crawford. (S)

10.00 The Nightly Show with David Walliams A lively mix of stand-up and celebrity guests. (S)
10.30 ITV News; Weather (S)

11.00 ITV Regional News; Weather (S)
11.15 Play to the Whistle Holly Willoughby hosts the sports based panel show. (S)(R)

12.15 The Nightly Show with David Walliams (S)(R) **12.40** Jackpot247 **3.00** Storage Hoarders (S)(R) **3.50 ITV** Nightscreen

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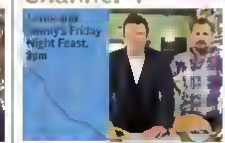

6.00 Everybody Loves Raymond (R) **9.05 Frasier** (S)(F) **10.05 Undercover Boss USA** (S)(R) **11.00 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA** (S)(R) **12.00 Channel 4 News** (S) **13.05 A New Life in the Sun** (S)(R) **1.05 Find It, Fix It, Flog It** (S)(R) **3.10 Countdown** (S) **3.00 Fifteen to One** (S) **4.00 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun** (S)(R) **5.00 Come Dine with Me** (S)(F) **6.00 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **8.30 Hollyoaks** (S)

7.00 **Channel 4 News** (S)

8.00 **Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast** Award-winning comedian Jack Whitehall learns how to cook a mega-indulgent chocolate pizza. (S)(R)
9.00 **Gogglebox** Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (S)

10.00 The Last Leg With Rob Delaney and Sharon Horgan. (S)

11.05 8 Out of 10 Cats With Jermaine Jenas, Denise Van Outen, Michelle Wolf and Sam Simmons. (S)
11.55 Rude Tube (S)(R)

12.55 FILM **Zero Dark Thirty (2012)** (15) Kathryn Bigelow's fact-based drama starring Jessica Chastain. (S) **3.30** Catastrophe (S)(R) **4.00** Tim Shadows Cashers (S)(R) **5.00** Four in a Bed (S)(R) **5.25** Fifteen to One (S)(R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff 11.15 GPs: Behind Closed Doors (S)(R) **12.10 5 News Lunchtime** (S) **12.15 Ice Road Chaos: Winter Road Rescue** (S)(R) **1.15 5 News and Away** (S) **1.45 Neighbours** (S) **2.30 NCIS** (S)(R) **3.20** FILM **Patricia Cornwell's The Front (2010) (15)** (S) **5.00 5 News at 5** (S) **5.30 Neighbours** (S)(F) **6.00 Home and Away** (S)(R) **6.30 5 News Tonight** (S)

7.00 **Happy Campers: Caravanning** A husband and wife enjoy a Christmas-themed weekend dining the summer (S)(R) 5 News Update. (S)

9.00 **Celebrity Carry on Barging** Th quartet travel along the Llangollen Canal. Last in this series, (S) 5 News Update (S)

9.00 **Cruising with Jane McDonald** The presenter heads to Alaska, America's largest state and home to some of the most breathtaking scenery on the planet. Last in the series (S)

10.00 The Best of Bad TV: The 70s A trawl through the programmes of the decade, featuring clips of car crash interviews, terrifying children's dramas, hoaxes and baffling game shows. (S)(R)

12.00 SuperCasino 3:10 Stealing the Mona Lisa (S)(R) **4.00** The Railways That Built Britain with Chris Tarrant (S)(R) **4.45** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.10** Dwina Designs (S)(R) **5.35** Wildlife SOS (S)(R)

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ITV2 SKY 116 FV 6

6.00 Yo've Been Framed! Gold **6.25** Who's Do ng the Dishes? **7.20** The Ellen DeGeneres Show **8.00** Emmerdale **9.00** Yo've Been Framed! Gold **9.35** Psych **10.25** Scr p on **12.25** Who's Doing the Dishes? **12.28** Emmerdale **1.30** You've Been Framed! Gold **3.00** The Ellen DeGeneres Show **3.50** The Jeremy Kyle Show **5.00** Judge Rinder **6.00** Yo've Been Framed! Gold **7.00** Yo've Been Framed! Gold Full Throttle **8.00** Two and a Half Men **8.30** FILM American Pie (1999) (15) **11.00** Eem ly Cuy **11.55** American Dad! **12.55** Two and a Half Men **1.25** Ib za Weekender **2.15** Telefishopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY 119 FV 10

5.00 In Loving Memory **6.25** Heartbeat **7.25** Where the Heart Is **8.25** The Royal **9.25** Judge Judy **10.50** Inspector Morse **1.00** Heartbeat **3.05** The Royal **3.20** Where the Heart Is **4.20** In Loving Memory **4.50** Doctor at Large **5.30** On the Rnses **6.55** Heartbeat **7.00** Murda She Wrote **8.00** Duc Martin **9.00** Agatha Chrisha s Maple **11.00** Primo Suspect **1.00** Wydaffe **1.50** Inspector Morse **3.50** Rory Bremner's C eat British Views **4.40** On the Rnses **5.30** ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY 116 FV 9

7.00 Wo ld News Today Weather **7.30** Top of the Pops, 1983 **8.00** The Good Old Days **9.00** Better Than the Original: The Joy of the Cover Version **10.00** Ult mate Covers at the BBC **12.00** S ngs the Beatles **11.00** Top of the Pops, 1983 **11.35** Better Than the Original: The Joy of the Cover Version **1.35** Ultimate Covers at the BBC **2.35** Sings the Beatles **3.05** Sounds of the 60s **3.55** Close

E4 SKY 136 FV 28

9.00 Rules of Engagement **10.00** Baby Daddy **11.00** Charmed **1.00** How I Met Yom Mother **3.00** The Big Bang Theory **3.00** Baby Daddy **4.00** How I Met Your Mother **5.00** The Goldbergs **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Hollyoaks **7.30** Game of Clones **8.00** FILM Man in Black 3 (2012) (PG) **10.00** Celebs Go Dating **11.05** Tattoo Fixers **12.10** The Big Bang Theory **1.05** Celebs Go Dating **2.20** First Dates **3.00** First Dates Abroad **3.50** Rules of Engagement **4.35** Charmed

MORE4 SKY 138 FV 14

6.55 Car SOS **8.55** Como Dino with Mo **12.35** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun **2.40** Bondi s Last Tribe, A Time Team Special **3.50** The Somme: a Secret Weapon, A Time Team Spec al **4.55** Great Canal Journeys **5.55** Car SOS **6.55** The Supervet **7.55** Grand Designs **8.00** This Team **10.20** 24 Hours in A&E **12.30** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightma es USA **1.20** Grand Des gns **2.25** 24 Hours in A&E **3.25** Food Unwrapped **3.55** Close

FILM4 SKY 315 FV 15

12.00 Stagecoach (1966) (PG) **1.25** Love Jim (1964) (PG) **4.30** 12 Ang y Mon (1957) (U) **6.00** Cutthroat Island (1995) (PG) **8.00** Pitch Perfect (2012) (12) **11.15** One Id at Brnthon (2011) (15) **1.00** Bound (1996) (18) **3.20** Close

DAVE SKY 111 FV: 12

7.30 Ine Road Truckers **8.10** American Pickers **8.00** Sto ige Hunters **10.00** Ame ican Pickers **12.00** Top Gear **2.00** Room 101 **2.40** QI **3.20** Would I Lie to You? **4.00** Top Gear **5.00** The Best of Top Gear **6.00** Top Gear **7.00** American Pickers **8.00** Steve Austin's Broken Skull Challenge **8.00** FILM Kill Bill: Vol 1 (2003) (18) **11.10** Mock the Week **11.50** Would I Lie to You? **12.30** QI **1.10** Best Of 10 Cats **1.00** The Last Man on Earth **2.05** Su ts **3.00** Hoff the Record **4.00** Close

DRAMA SKY 158 FV 20

7.20 The Bill **8.00** Boon **8.00** Sergeant **10.00** All Creatures Great and Small **11.00** The Bill **1.00** As Time Goes by **1.40** Some Mothers Do Ave Em **2.20** Birds of a Feather **3.00** Boon **4.00** Sergeant **8.00** All Creatures Great and Small **9.00** Some Mothers Do Ave Em **8.40** Last of the Summer Wine **7.20** As Time Goes By **9.00** The Brokenwood Mysteries **10.00** New Tricks **11.20** Strange **1.20** Boon **2.20** Citizen Smith **3.25** Birds of a Feather **4.05** Home Shopping

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8.00 Hawaii Five-O **7.00** Road Wars **8.00** Monkey Life **9.00** Police Force: Australia **10.00** Nothing to Declare **12.00** A Town Called Eneake **11.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **1.00** Hawaii Five-O **3.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **4.00** Futnarma **4.30** Modern Family **5.30** Futnarma **6.30** The Simpsons **8.30** Modern Family **9.00** Stan Lee's Lucky Man **10.00** The Blacklist **11.00** Boss Kemp on Gangs **12.00** The Force: Manchester **1.00** Road Wars **2.00** Stan Lee's Search: Saize **3.00** Hawaii Five-O **4.00** RSPCA: Animal Rescue **5.30** Futurama

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8.00 Finland: E Gent's Hotel Secrets **7.00** Fish Town **8.00** The West Wing **10.00** House **11.00** Without a Trace **1.00** Blue Bloods **3.00** Networks of Power with Sir Christopher Meyer **3.00** The West Wing **5.00** House **6.00** Without a Trace **9.00** Blue Bloods **0.00** Game of Thrones **12.20** Oz **2.40** Looking **4.00** Finland: E Gent's Hotel Secrets **5.00** Fish Town

W SKY 105

6.20 Wild Things with Dominic Monaghan **7.00** MasterChef USA **8.00** My Dream Home **9.00** Extreme Makeover: Home Edition **10.00** The Q+A **11.00** Tipping Point **1.00** Motorway Cops: A Traffic Cops Special **3.00** MasterChef USA **8.00** Who Do You Think You Are? USA **4.00** My Dream Home **5.00** Extreme Makeover: Home Edition **8.00** Tipping Point **7.00** Honey I Bought the House **8.00** MasterChef USA **9.00** Criminal Minds: Beyond Borders **10.00** EastEnders **10.35** FILM Along Came a Spider (2001) (15) **11.00** EastEnders **1.30** Beat the Town **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY 110

7.00 Cheers **8.00** One Foot in the Grave **8.40** The Fantasy Empire **10.00** As Time Goes By **10.40** Last of the Summer Wine **12.40** My Family **1.20** Keeping Up Appearances **2.40** The Thin Blue Line **4.00** Last of the Summer Wine **5.20** My Family **7.00** Keeping Up Appearances **7.40** Fawlty Towers **8.00** Only Fools and Horses **8.00** Mrs Brown's Boys **9.40** Bottom **11.00** The Mighty Boosh **12.20** The League of Gentlemen **1.35** Nathan Barley **2.05** The Armando Iannnca Shows **3.30** Jam **3.00** Police Squad! **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS 1 SKY 401

8.00 Football Gold **7.00** WWE Main Event **8.00** Premier League World **8.30** Hoyle Yellow: The Countdown Part One **8.00** Premier League Darts **11.00** Premier League Match Pack **12.30** Sky Sports Boxing Gold **1.30** Premier League Darts **4.30** Hoyle Yellow: The Countdown Part One **5.00** The Fantasy Football Club **7.00** Live EFL **10.28** Hoyle Yellow: The Countdown Part Two **10.55** Premier League Preview **11.15** Hoyle Yellow: The Countdown Part Two **11.45** Scottish Football Round-Up **12.00** Live ATP Tennis. **2.00** Premier League Preview **2.30** The Fantasy Football Club **3.30** Premier League Preview **4.00** Live ATP Tennis.

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Saturday March 4th

BBC1

Casualty 3.40pm

6.00 Breakfast (S) 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live (S) 11.30 Mary Berry Everyday (S)(R) 12.00 Football Focus (S) 1.00 News (S) 1.15 Bargain Hunt 2.15 My Life: The Boy on the Bicycle (S) 2.45 FILM Monsters vs Aliens (2009) (PG) (S) 4.10 Final Score (S) 5.10 Celebrity Mastermind (S)(R) 5.40 News (S) 5.50 BBC Regional News (S) 6.00 Pointless Celebrities (S)(R) 6.45 Let's Sing and Dance for Comic Relief

BBC2

Eve: Mysteries Untouched: Historic Catastrophes 3.05pm

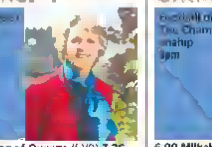
10.00 Ireland's Wild River: The Mighty Shannon - Natural World (S) (R) 11.00 Homes Under the Hammer (S)(R) 12.00 Two Greedy Italians: Still Hungry (S)(R) 1.00 The Little Paris Kitchen: Cooking with Rachel Khoo (S)(R) 1.30 Escape to the Country (S) (R) 2.15 Mastermind (S)(R) 3.15 University Challenge (S)(R) 3.45 Only Connect (S)(R) 4.15 Live Athletics: European Indoor Championships (S)

ITV

Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway 7pm

8.30 Scrambled!: Beer Grylls Survival School (S) 9.05 Scrambled! Adventure Time (S)(R) 9.25 Alphabetical (S)(R) 10.20 Guess This House (S)(R) 11.20 ITV News: Weather (S) 11.25 The Voice UK (S)(R) 1.30 ITV Racing: Live from Doncaster (S) 4.00 You've Been Framed! (S)(R) 4.30 ITV Regional News; Weather (S) 4.45 ITV News (S) 5.00 FILM Despicable Me 2 (2013) (U) (S)

Channel 4



Fresh Meat: Jimmy's Service, 9pm

6.20 The King of Queens (S)(R) 7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond (S)(R) 8.30 Frasier (S)(R) 9.30 The Big Bang Theory (S)(R) 10.55 The Simpsons (S)(R) 12.00 Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast (S)(R) 1.00 Come Dine with Me (S)(R) 3.30 A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun (S)(R) 4.35 Location, Location, Location (S)(R) 5.25 Grand Designs (S)(R) 6.30 Channel 4 News (S)

Channel 5

Football on 5: The Champ-ionship 3pm

6.00 Milkshake! 9.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles The turtles must prove themselves worthy to an aquatic alien queen (S)(R) 10.30 Access Showbiz news and gossip (S) 10.35 Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole (S)(R) 1.30 Dance Moms (S) 4.15 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door Three disputes concerning noise level (S)(R) 5.15 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away (S)

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			7.00 Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway Robbie Williams and his wife Ayda Field take part in I'm A Celebrity Get Out of Me Ear (S)	7.00 Escape to the Chateau Series following a British family that buys and restores a French chateau (S)(R)	7.05 NCIS: Los Angeles Nell goes undercover at the Department of Defence (S)

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8.00 Who Dares Wins Game show in which champions pair up to win money (S)	8.15 Grand Tours of the Scottish Islands Paul Murton visits the island outposts of Shetland. (S)	9.30 The Voice UK The contest switches gear once again in the first live knock-out show (S)	8.00 Penelope Keith at Her Majesty's Service The actress travels the country to visit the Queen's residences. (S)(R)	8.00 NCIS A petty officer tries to prove he did not murder his ex-girlfriend. (S)
8.40 Casualty David prepares to send Ollie back to Rosa in Spain (S)	8.45 Dad's Army Sgt Wilson struggles to concentrate. (S)(R)			8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

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9.30 Mrs Brown's Boys Agnes's children suspect one of them is adopted (S)(R)	9.15 Live at the Apollo With Adam Hills, Michelle Wolf and Jamali Maddix (S)(R)	9.45 ITV News; Weather (S)	9.00 FILM The Wolverine (2013) (12) Superhero adventure spin-off with Hugh Jackman and Tao Okamoto (S)	9.00 Football on 5: The Championship George Riley an Lynsey Hipgrave introduce highlights from the weekend's games. (S)

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10.00 BBC News; Weather; (S) National Lottery Update (S) 10.20 Match of the Day Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches. (S)	10.00 Martin Scorsese: True Confessions (S) 10.30 FILM Mean Streets (1973) (18) Martin Scorsese's drama with Robert De Niro and Harvey Keitel. (S)	10.00 Lethal Weapon Action drama, starring Clayne Crawford. (S)(R) 10.55 FILM First Blood (1982) (15) Action thriller with Sylvester Stallone and Brian Dennehy (S)		10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush Goals from the weekend's games in League One and Two. (S) 10.30 Conspiracy: Pearl Harbor Cover-Up (S)

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11.45 This Country Kerry becomes a door-to-door saleswoman and Kurtan makes some new friends in the village (S)			11.25 FILM Abraham Lincoln Vampire Hunter (2012) (15) Fantasy thriller starring Benjamin Walker and Dominic Cooper (S)	11.30 Criminals: Caught on Camera The use of CCTV to tackle motoring offences (S)(R)

AFTER 12

12.10 FILM Papadopoulos & Sons (2012) (15) Comedy starring Stephen Dillane. (S) 1.55 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) 2.00 BBC News (S)	12.20 Taboo (S)(R) 1.20 Taboo (S)(R) 2.15 FILM Witchfinder General (1968) (15) Period horror starring Vincent Price. (S) 3.40 This Is BBC Two (S)	12.40 Jackpot247 3.00 Who's Doing the Dishes? (S)(R) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen	1.20 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (S)(R) 2.10 Hollyoaks (S) 4.25 Building the Dream (S) 5.20 Fifteen to One (S)(R)	12.00 SuperCasino 3 10 Inside Windsor Castle (S)(R) 4.00 The Cars That Made Britain Great (S)(R) 4.50 House Doctor (S)(R) 5.15 Wildlife SOS (S)(R) 5.40 Angels of Jarm (S)(R) 5.40 Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)

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6.00 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records 6.10 Emmerdale 9.45 Coronation Street 11.10 Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway 12.40 Take Me Out 1.55 The Voice UK 3.55 FILM Paul Blart: Mall Cop (2009) (PG) Comedy starring Kevin James. 4.55 ITV Daily 6.00 FILM Paul Blart: Mall Cop (2009) (PG) Concluded. 5.45 FILM Kindergarten Cop (1990) (12) Comedy starring Arnold Schwarzenegger. 6.45 ITV Daily 6.50 FILM Kindergarten Cop (1990) (12) Concluded. 8.00 Scrapheap 9.00 FILM American Pie 2 (2001) (15) Comedy sequel starring Jason Biggs. 10.05 ITV Daily 10.10 FILM American Pie 2 (2001) (15) Concluded. 11.10 Family Guy 12.35 American Dad! 1.05 FILM: Wanted (2008) (18) Action adventure, starring James McAvoy and Angelina Jolie. 2.05 ITV Daily 2.10 FILM: Wanted (2008) (18) Concluded. 3.00 Telesho pping

ITV3 SKY 119 FV 10

6.00 Judge Judy 6.20 On the Buses 6.45 Murder She Wrote 9.00 FILM: Carry On Girls (1973) (PG) Comedy, starring Sid James. 10.40 ITV Daily 10.45 FILM: Carry On Girls (1973) (PG) Concluded. 11.30 Live a 1.40 Inspector Morse 3.35 Agatha Christie's Marple 4.00 Rosemary & Thyme 7.00 Midsomer Murders 11.00 Carry On Forever 12.00 Wycliffe 1.00 Manchlands 2.00 ITV3 N ghtscreen 2.30 Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Ind an Hill Railways 8.00 She-Wolves: England's Early Queens 8.00 Follow the Money 11.00 Top of the Pops: 1983 12.05 The Secret Science of Pop 1.00 FILM: Janis: Little Girl Blue (2015) (15) Documentary about 1960s blues singer Janis Joplin. 2.30 Queens of Soul 3.30 Close

E4 SKY 136 FV 28

6.00 Pude(ish) Tube 6.20 Young & Hungry 7.05 How I Met your Mother 8.00 Melissa & Joey 9.00 Baby Daddy 10.00 Young & Hungry 11.00 Rude(ish) Tube Shorts 11.10 FILM: Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (2009) (U) Comedy starring Zachary Levi. 1.00 The Goldbergs 2.30 Black-ish 3.00 The Big Bang Theory 5.00 FILM: Mission: Impossible (1996) (PG) Action thriller starring Tom Cruise. 7.10 The Big Bang Theory 9.00 FILM: Reel (2010) (12) Action thriller starring Bruce Willis. 11.10 Gogglebox 12.15 Celebs Go Dating 3.20 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD 4.05 Rude Tube 4.30 Rude(ish) Tube 4.55 Revenge

MORE4 SKY 138 FV 14

8.55 Come Dine with Me 11.35 Location, Location Location 12.35 Coast vs Country 1.40 Pyers with Jeremy Paxman 2.45 Four in a Bed 5.25 Come Dine with Me 8.00 First Humans: The Cave Discovery 9.00 Iceman Murder Mystery 10.00 The Year Britain Froze 11.05 24 Hours in A&E 12.10 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown 2.20 Father Ted 3.25 Food Unwrapped 3.50 Close

FILM4 SKY 315 FV: 15

11.00 Mr Popper's Penguins (2011) (PG) Family comedy starring Jim Carrey. 1.00 The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (2010) (PG) Fantasy adventure, with Georgie Henley and Skandar Keynes. 3.10 Spy Kids 4: All the Time in the World (2011) (PG) Family adventure starring Jessica Alba 4.55 Casper (1995) (PG) Supernatural family comedy starring Christina Ricci. 6.55 X-Men (2000) (12) Sci-fi comic-book adventure, starring Hugh Jackman. 9.00 The Rewrite (2014) (12) Romantic comedy with Hugh Grant and Marisa Tomei. 11.10 Stonehearst Asylum (2014) (15) Gothic horror starring Kate Beckinsale. 1.20 Sorority Row (2009) (18) Horror remake, starring Briana Evigan. 3.35 Close

DAVE SKY 111 FV: 12

7.10 Deadly 60 10.00 Top Gear 12.00 Motorway Cops 1.00 The Best of Top Gear 2.00 FILM: Dragnet (1987) (PG) Spoof crime drama, starring Dan Aykroyd and Tom Hanks. 4.00 Top Gear 7.00 Not Going Out 9.00 Mock the Week 11.00 Alan Davies: As Yet Untitled 12.00 QI XL 1.00 Not Going Out 1.40 The Last Man on Earth 2.10 Suits 3.00 Hoff the Record 3.30 The Indestructibles 4.00 Close

ORAMA SKY 158 FV 20

7.10 Tenko 11.00 Sharpe 1.00 Tenko 6.00 One Foot in the Grave 7.00 Hetty Wainthropp Investigates 8.00 Miss Marple 9.00 Taggart 11.00 Walking the Dead 1.20 Hetty Wainthropp Investigates 2.20 Catherine Cookson a Tilly Trotter 4.00 Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY 108

6.00 Are You Smarter Than a 10 Year Old? 7.00 Futurama 7.50 The Big Spell 9.00 The Fantasy Football Club: 9.00 Soccer AM 11.30 Live Premier League Pre-match build-up to Manchester United v Bournemouth. 12.30 Football's Funniest Moments 1.00 Portrait Artist of the Year 2017 3.00 Gillette Soccer Saturday Up-to-the-minute scores 5.15 Supergirl 6.15 The Flash 7.15 MacGyver 9.15 FILM: Star Wars: Episode II – Attack of the Clones (2002) (PG) Sci-fi adventure pictsequel with Ewan McGregor. 11.00 NCIS: Los Angeles 12.00 Duck Quacks Don't Echo 1.00 A League of Their Own: Unseen 2.00 DC's Legends of Tomorrow 2.50 Police Force: Australia 6.00 Futurama

SKY ATLANTIC SKY 108

6.00 The West Wing 11.00 David Attenborough's Kingdom of Plants 2.00 Making of David Attenborough's Kingdom of Plants 3.00 Without a Trace 8.00 Blue Bloods 9.00 Game of Thrones 11.20 Last Week Tonight with John Oliver 11.55 Real Time with Bill Maher 1.05 High Maintenance 1.40 The Wire 3.00 Without a Trace 4.00 The Guest Wing

W SKY 109

7.00 The Chase 12.00 EastEnders 2.00 Heston's Fantastical Food 3.40 FILM: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (2005) (PG) Children's fantasy starring Johnny Depp 6.00 My Family 8.00 Paris: On the Ambulance 8.00 FILM: Kiss the Girls (1997) (18) 11.10 Gimme 12.15 Outnumbered 1.30 Rest Is Town 2.10 Almost Human 3.00 Home Shopping

GOLD SKY 110

7.00 Chee s 9.00 Blandings 9.00 Only Fools and Horses 10.20 Last of the Summer Wine 12.20 Boomers 1.00 Only Fools and Horses 9.00 The Trip to Italy 11.00 Bottom 2.25 FILM: Bill Hicks: Sane Man (1989) (18) Stand-up performance recorded in Texas 1989. 4.00 Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS 1 SKY: 401

6.00 Haye v Bellew: The Knockouts 8.30 Haye v Bellew: Behind the Ropes: Part One 7.00 Haye v Bellew: Behind the Ropes: Part Two 7.30 Haye v Bellew: The Countdown: Part One 9.30 Haye v Bellew: The Countdown: Part Two 9.30 Premier League Preview 9.45 Soccer AM 11.30 Live Premier League: Manchester United v Bournemouth (kick-off 12.30pm) 3.00 Gillette Soccer Saturday 6.15 Live EFL: Huddersfield Town v Newcastle United (kick-off 5.30pm) 9.00 EFL Goals 9.30 Nissan Game of the Day 10.30 Nissan Match Choice 11.30 Premier League Highlights

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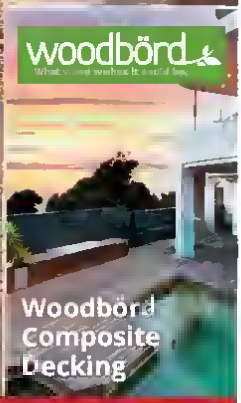

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Sunday March 5th

BBC1

DAYTIME

9.00 The Andrew Marr Show (S) **10.00 The Big Questions** (S) **11.00 Sunday Politics** (S) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **1.00 BBC News: Weather** (S) **1.15 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **2.15 Flog It!** (S)(R) **3.15 Escape to the Country** (S)(R) **4.00 Songs of Praise** (S) **4.35 Shop Well for Less?** (S)(R) **5.35 BBC News** (S) **5.50 BBC Regional News, Weather** (S) **6.00 The Big Painting Challenge** (S)

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7.00 Countryfile The team explores the South Downs. (S)

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8.00 Call the Midwife Dr Turner helps a couple whose daughter was born without limbs to have her fitted for prosthetics. (S)

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9.00 SS-GB Archer tracks down Spede who confesses to murdering his brother. (S)

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10.00 BBC News (S)
10.20 BBC Regional News, Weather (S)
10.30 Match of the Day 2 Mark Chapman reviews the day's Premier League action. (S)

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11.35 American High School A student with his own business suffers a devastating setback. (S)

AFTER 12

12.20 The Celebrity Apprentice USA (S) **1.45** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **1.50 BBC News** (S)

BBC2

DAYTIME

6.30 A to Z of TV Gardening (S)(R) **7.15 An Island Polish** (S)(R) **7.45 Around the World in 80 Gardens** (S) (R) **8.45 Countryfile** (S)(R) **9.45 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites** (S) **11.15 Nigel Slater's Dish of the Day** (S)(R) **11.45 Nigellissima** (S)(R) **12.15 MOTD2 Extra** (S) **1.00 Triathlon** (S) **2.30 Live Athletics. European Indoor Championships** Gabby Logan presents coverage of the third and final day. (S)

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7.00 Robot Wars New series. Dara Ó Briain and Angela Scanlon present the first group heat. With commentary by Jonathan Pearce. (S)

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8.00 Top Gear New series. Chris Harris test-drives the Ferrari FXXK at the Daytona circuit. (S)

9

9.00 Special Forces – Ultimate Hell Week The final challenge involves the Australian Special Air Service Regiment. Last in the series. (S)

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10.00 FILM London Road (2015) (15) Premiere. Fact-based musical starring Olivia Colman and Tom Hardy. (S)

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11.30 FILM Papillon (1973) (15) Fact-based drama, starring Steve McQueen and Dustin Hoffman. (S)

AFTER 12

1.55 Taboo (S)(R) **2.55** Sign Zone Question Time (S)(R) **3.55 Holby City** (S)(R) **4.50 This is BBC Two** (S)

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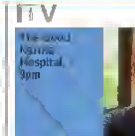

DAYTIME

9.30 Countrywise Guide to Britain (S)(R) **10.00 Peston on Sunday** (S) **10.55 Ginge Italian Escape: Hidden Italy** (S)(R) **11.25 Chopping Blank** (S)(R) **12.25 Who's Doing the Dishes?** (S)(R) **1.30 News 1.35 The Voice UK** (S)(R) **2.50 Little Big Shots** (S)(R) **3.50 The Chase** (S)(R) **4.50 Tipping Point** (S)(R) **5.50 ITV Regional News** (S) **6.00 News** (S) **6.15 Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule** (S)(R) **6.40 Five Gold Rings** (S)

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7.45 The Voice UK The second live knockout show. (S)

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9.00 The Good Karma Hospital Lydia and Ruby visit a convent to make a seemingly miraculous diagnosis. (S)

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10.00 ITV News Weather (S)
10.20 The Nightly Show Best Bits New series. Highlights from the previous week. (S)
10.50 Peston on Sunday Political magazine. (S)(R)
11.50 Premiership Rugby Union Action from the 17th round of fixtures.

AFTER 12

12.40 Jackpot247 3.00 Chopping Block (S)(R) **3.50 ITV Nightscreen 5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

Channel 4

DAYTIME

6.15 The King of Queens (S)(R) **7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **8.25 Frasier** (S)(R) **9.30 Sunday Brunch** (S) **12.30 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **2.00 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces** (S)(R) **3.00 Location, Location Location** (S)(R) **4.00 Channel 4 News** (S) **4.30 FILM Fantastic Four (2005) (PG)** Sci-fi comic book adventure starring Ioan Gruffudd. (S) **6.30 The Jump** (S)

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8.00 Rivers with Jeremy Paxman The presenter explores the River Severn, exploring the largest ship graveyard in the country. (S)

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9.00 Homeland Carrie follows a lead, and Keane takes a stand. Starring Claire Danes, Rupert Friend and Mandy Patinkin. (S)

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10.00 Gogglebox Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (S)(R)

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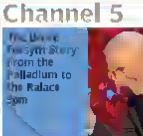
11.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown Jimmy Carr hosts the words-and-numbers quiz. (S)(R)

AFTER 12

12.00 FILM Broken City (2013) (15) Crime thriller with Mark Wahlberg and Russell Crowe. (S) **2.00** The Last Leg (S)(R) **2.55** Under Lock and Key (S)(R) **3.50** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent (S)(R) **4.45** Kirstie's Vintage Gems (S)(R) **5.05** Fifteen to One (S)(R)

Channel 5



DAYTIME

6.00 Milkshake! 9.50 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S)(R) **10.25 Football on 5: The Championship** (S) (R) **11.20 Football on 5: Goal Rush** (S)(R) **11.50 FILM The Fifth Element (1997) (PG)** (S) **2.10 FILM Spies Like Us (1985) (PG)** (S) **4.10 Secrets of the National Trust with Alan Titchmarsh** (S)(R) **5.10 Cruising with Jane McDonald** (S)(R) **6.05 Inside Windsor Castle** (S)(R)

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7.00 Inside Windsor Castle A look back at the series of events that shaped the monarchy between 1939 and 1952. (S)(R)

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8.00 Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords New series. Cases include a woman with rental arrears of almost £3,000. (S)
8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

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9.00 The Bruce Forsyth Story: From the Palladium to the Palace New series. A look back at the entertainer's 75 years in showbiz. (S)

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10.30 An Audience with Bruce Forsyth The versatile veteran entertainer reveals his many talents in a feast of song and dance before a VIP audience. (S)(R)

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11.35 Bruce Forsyth's Comedy Heroes (S)(R)

AFTER 12

12.35 Peter Kay: The Early Years (S)(R) **12.55** SuperCasino **3.10** Secrets of the National Trust with Alan Titchmarsh (S)(R) **4.00** When Kids Kill: Catfish Killer (S)(R) **4.50** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.15** Wildlife SOS (S)(R) **5.40** Angels of Harm (S)(R)

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ITV2 SKY 118 FV 6

6.00 The Hot Desk: James Rise **8.10** You've Been Framed! Gold **8.35** Emmerdale **9.10** Coronation Street **11.45** The Vo ce UK **1.00** 2Awesome **2.00** 2Awesome **3.05** 2Awesome Guinness **3.40** 2Awesome Fame High **3.08** 2Awesome Third Wheel **2.30** 2Awesome: LA Story **2.00** You've Been Framed! Gold Top 100 Hol days **3.00** Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway **5.25** FILM King Kong (2005) (12) Fantasy adventure remake, starring Naomi Watts. **6.20** FYI Daily **8.30** FILM King Kong (2005) (12) Concluded **9.00** Ibiza Weekender **10.00** Firmly Guy **11.30** American Dad! **12.30** The Cleveland Show **1.20** Ibiza Weekender **2.20** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY 119 FV 10

8.00 On the Buses **6.20** Sherlock Holmes: The Last Vampire **8.00** Heartbeat **10.35** Murder She Wrote **10.45** FILM, The Belles of St Trin an s (1954) (U) Comedy starring Alastair Sim. **1.45** FYI Daily **1.50** FILM: The Belles of St Trin an s (1954) (U) Concluded **2.35** Inspector Morse **4.00** Agatha Christie s Marple **6.55** Midsomer Murders **8.00** Ton ght at the London Palladium **10.00** Carry On Forever **11.05** FILM Carry On Camp ng (1969) (PG) Comedy starring Sir James. **12.05** FYI Daily **12.10** FILM Carry On Camping (1969) (PG) Concluded. **12.55** Inspector Morse **2.40** Wycliffe **3.40** May the Best House Win **6.20** ITV3 N ghtscreen

BBC4 SKY 116 FV 9

7.00 Sound at Sens. Neil Brand charts how music was transformed by the arrival of digital technology and the computer as his exploration of great songs reaches the modern era. Last in the series. **8.00** Kiri Te Kanawa at the BBC. Highlights of the soprano's career combin ng documentary footage and chat show appearances with performances including the Royal Opera's production of Puccini's Manon. **8.00** FILM The Hunt (2012) (15) Premiere. Drama starring Mads Mikkelsen. **10.50** Sound Waves. The Symphony of Physics **11.50** Every Breath We Take: Understanding Our Atmosphere **12.50** Timeshift. Hurricanes and Heatwaves: The Highs and Lows of British Weather **1.45** Mumbai High: The Musical **2.50** Kiri Te Kanawa at the BBC **3.50** Close

E4 SKY 136 FV 28

6.00 Ruderbitch Tobo **6.20** How I Met Your Mother **7.00** Melissa & Joey **8.00** Baby Daddy **9.00** Black-ish **9.30** Hollyoaks **12.00** The Jump **1.40** FILM, Step Up (2006) (PG) Romantic dance drama with Channing Tatum and Jenna Dewan. **3.40** The Goldbergs **5.05** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** FILM, Unstoppable (2010) (12) Tony Scott's action thriller with Denzel Washington and Chris Pine. **9.00** Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. **10.00** FILM: The Grey (2011) (15) Wilderness adventure starring Liam Neeson. **12.10** Celebs Go Dating **2.20** Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. **3.00** Gap Year **3.55** Hollyoaks

MDRE4 SKY 138 FV 14

6.00 Coast vs Country **11.00** Building the Dream **11.00** Vet on the Hill **12.00** Come Dine with Me **2.40** Four in a Bed **3.20** Come Dine with Me **6.00** Nazi Megastructures **9.00** Father Ted **10.05** Men Down **11.05** 24 Hours in A&E **12.10** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **1.15** Men Down **2.15** Nazi Megastructures **3.15** Frasier Unwrapped **3.45** Close

FILM4 SKY 315 FV 15

11.00 The First Film (2015) (PG) Premiere. Documentary about the world's earliest surviving film. **1.20** Hugo (2011) (U) Family adventure starring Asa Butterfield. **3.50** Carry On Regardless (1961) (PG) Comedy starring Kenneth Williams. **5.20** Ice Age: Continental Drift (2012) (U) An animated comedy sequel with the voices of Ray Romano. **7.10** Johnny English (2003) (PG) Spy comedy starring Rowan Atkinson. **9.00** Mr Turner (2014) (12) Mike Leigh's biopic of the artist, starring Timothy Spall. **11.55** Cheap Thrills (2013) (15) Comedy thriller, starring Pat Healy. **1.40** Wrong Turn at Tahoe (2009) (LR) **3.30** Close

DAVE SKY 111 FV: 12

7.20 Top Gear **9.00** Steve Austin s Broken Skull Challenge **10.40** Traffic Cops **11.40** Jay Leno's Garage **1.45** Top Gear **3.50** Red Bull Soapbox Race **5.20** Top Gear **6.00** Traffic Cops **9.00** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **10.00** Suits **11.00** Dave Gorman: Modern Life is Goodish **12.00** Crackanory **12.30** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **1.30** Suits **2.20** Parks and Recreation **3.30** The Indestructibles **4.00** Close

DRAMA SKY 158 FV 20

7.00 Last Tango in Halifax **8.50** The Bill **12.00** Mansfield Park **3.40** Catherine Cookson's Tilly Trotter **6.00** Now Tricks **9.00** Silent Witness **11.20** Spooks **1.50** Catherine Cookson's Tilly Trotter **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY 106

6.00 Hour of Power **7.00** Futurama **8.05** Supergirl **10.00** The Flash **11.00** Futurama **11.30** WWE Raw Hits **18.30** Live Nissan Super Sunday: Pre-match build-up to Tottenham Hotspur v Everton. **1.30** Modern Family **6.00** The Simpsons **8.00** Hawaii Five-0 **10.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **11.00** MacGyver **12.00** The Force: Essex **1.00** Ali Ambulance ER **2.00** Arrow **2.50** Police Force: Australia **5.15** Road Wars

SKY ATLANTIC SKY 108

6.00 The West Wing **11.00** Without a Trace **4.00** Blue Bloods **6.00** The Cross: Inside the Gangland Police Secret Service on Earth **11.00** Fortitude **10.00** Billions **1.20** True Detective **2.45** The Wire **4.30** Networks of Power with Sir Christopher Meyer

W SKY 109

6.10 Wild Things with Dominic Monaghan **7.10** Your Home in Three Hands **8.30** James Martin: Yorkshire's Finest **9.00** MasterChef USA **1.00** Dynamo: Magician Impossible **2.00** Doctor Who **4.00** My Family **6.00** Outnumbered **6.30** Honey I Bought the House **9.00** John Bishop: In Conversation with Reece Flintoff **10.00** Jonathan Creek **11.20** Code Black **12.20** Outnumbered **1.00** Bondi Rescue **1.30** Almost Human **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY 110

7.00 Cheers **8.00** Only Fools and Horses **10.00** Roomers **12.30** Only Fools and Horses **9.00** The Trip to Italy **11.00** The Thick of It **1.00** Limmy's Show **2.10** House of Fools **3.20** Nighty Night **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS 1 SKY 401

6.00 Premier League Highlights **9.00** The Sunday Supplement **10.30** Goals on Sunday **12.30** Live Nissan Super Sunday: Tottenham Hotspur v Everton (kick-off 1.30pm) **3.30** Live Nissan Super Sunday: Sunderland v Manchester City (kick-off 4.00pm). **7.00** EFL Goals **7.30** Spanish Football Gold **7.40** Live La Liga Football: Athletic Bilbao v Malaga (kick-off 7.45pm) **9.40** Spanish Football Gold **10.00** Premier League Highlights **11.00** Goals on Sunday **12.00** Premier League Highlights **1.00** Sky Sports Boxing Gold **2.00** Premier League Highlights **3.00** Legends of the Premier League **3.30** Premier League Legends: **4.00** Premier League Highlights **5.00** Premier League 100 Clubs **5.30** Spanish Football Gold

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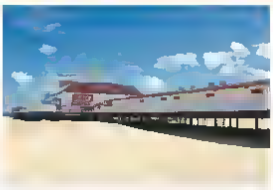

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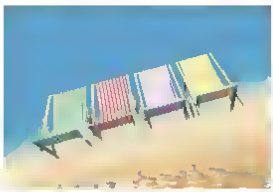

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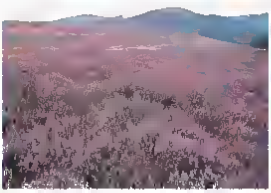

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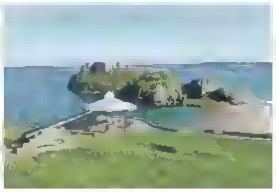

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EastEnders actor a late developer

By James Richings

FROM villain to down-to-earth dad, Larry Lamb has played a real mix of characters

The 69-year-old is probably best known for portraying the evil Archie Mitchell on EastEnders and Mick in Gavin & Stacey and will be sharing his story when he arrives at The Beacon in Wantage on Friday March 10

But instead of telling the Portway audience what he thinks they want to hear, Larry comes to Oxfordshire with a different approach.

"My life has had an extraordinary range of facets," he said.

"So the evening depends on what people really want to know because I'm going to base the night on questions that I want the audience to ask me

"I've spent a lot of time answering people's questions and I find it's more direct approach in connecting with them.

"For about 50 years I've found my way living around the world doing what I do and other things that I did before – there's a lot to talk about."

Some things though will be off limits: "Obviously I'll be a bit worried if they want to know too much about me but I wrote a book about my life in 2016 which came out in 2011.

"I exposed as much of my personal life as I can – so if they want to know stuff that's really personal, they should read the book."

Larry will talk about life before the world of entertainment – from working in the waste paper business, to being an unsuccessful salesman, then a construction worker before working in the oil business. But it was one day in Canada in his late 20s/early 30s that changed his life.

He also advised any aspiring actor to "have a second string to their bow", as he believes the world is "over populated with actors.

"I certainly didn't want to go into acting when I was a kid," Larry told the Guardian.

"Somebody suggested to me that I should be an actor but I had never really thought about it before to be honest with you.

"I had no ambition to be one.

"But this person took me to an amateur theatre group where I decided to have a go. I found out it was something that I liked, so it gradually became a hobby

"So it was through amateur theatre that I got involved in the entertainment business."

He added. "I think the important thing to remember is that you can love and enjoy acting without doing it for a living.

"But if you figure out that being an actor is what you want to do for a job, you better be aware that probably 99 per cent of actors are unemployed at any one time anywhere in the world.

"The entertainment business should come with a great big warning sign on it – it's not for the faint hearted."

Tickets cost £16 and it starts at 8pm.

Anything but the Blues

One of Readings most popular cover bands will be gigging in Oxford next week.

Jukes Blues who first formed in 2008 will perform at The White House on Abingdon Road on Saturday March 11 where they'll showcase some of the finest blues tunes from years gone by

The five-piece will also show off some of their self-penned tracks and hope their debut gig at the venue will go down a storm

When discussing the band's name, keyboardist George Darling said "The band's name is meant to convey that while the blues underpins what we do we have broad tastes in music

"We don't want to be pigeonholed too much, hence the allusion to the variation you might find in a jukebox.

Jukes Blues are made up of vocalist Laura Jones George Darling on the keyboards guitarist Mike Bishop, Chris Curtis on the bass and drummer Mike Goff

"You could say that three of the band (Mike B Mike G and Chris) are full-time musicians since they have all retired from the day job." George jokingly told the Guardian

"But Laura and myself aren't.

"Laura is a manager in the retail part of Oxfam, and I'm a geoscientist with the Natural Environment Research Council."

The free gig starts at 9pm

ENTERTAINMENT & LISTINGS

Fred just wants to be human

By James Richings

FRED is just like you and me – he has legs, arms and feelings but is constantly faced with bigotry from humans.

But Fred the puppet has plans to end the prejudice when Meet Fred comes to the Old Fire Station in Oxford on Thursday, March 9.

Performed by the Hijinx Theatre Company the production comes to the George Street venue as part of a small tour across the UK, after it a successful spell at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival last year

And unlike many shows Hijinx have hired actors with disabilities

"We are an inclusive theatre company so therefore all our productions include learning disabled performers" artistic director Ben Pettitt-Wade told the Guardian.

"To support this we have a network of academies throughout Wales that train our performers in all sorts of skills to help them become professional performers

"We develop all our shows in collaboration with the students on our academies"

Ben explained the production "We focus on a guy called Fred who is a puppet and we look at the difficulties he faces in life because of that.

"It is also about who has control and power over Fred's life

"We play with the parallel of the relationship Fred has with his puppeteers in needing them simply to function and the relationship many people with learning disability have with support workers which help them to live more independent lives.

"We then explore what can happen if this support is taken away as it has been recently from many disabled people as their support packages have been cut back."

The story was a big hit at the Fringe last summer with many empathising with Fred, despite the protagonist not even being a human

And despite the puppeteers being clearly visible when Fred is on stage Ben has no doubt that the Oxford audience will ignore them, and look at Fred as his own person.

"To be honest with you, the audience are very quick to recognise Fred in his own right and feel a genuine empathy for him as he faces his struggles," he said.

"If they did not believe in him they would not feel that empathy

"That said, puppetry is an extremely hard skill to master and we worked extremely hard during rehearsals to get it to the level it is at...to ensure that Fred was as much a part of the cast as the other actors."

He added: "I hope the audience come away having had a great evening having laughed a lot, but also having learnt something about how difficult life can be if the vital support you need is taken from you.

"I hope they leave a little bit angry about that

Tickets cost £15 and it starts at 7.45pm.

Meet Fred is suitable for over 14s

Putting the X Factor into Saturday night

MUSIC Former X Factor winner Sam Bailey will be gigging at the New Theatre on Saturday

The 39-year-old who won the talent show in 2013 arrives at the George Street venue to perform tracks off her upcoming album Sing My Heart Out

Tickets cost from £7.40 to £32.40

Return visit for Vant

MUSIC Indie rock band Vant will return to gig in Oxford on Sunday

The four-piece will perform at the O2 Academy 16 months after their set at the Bullingdon

Vant will showcase tracks off their debut album Dumb Blood which was released last month

Doors open at 7pm and tickets cost £12.37

Family fun flick

FILM: The latest Disney animated movie will be screened at The Beacon in Wantage on Saturday

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ENTERTAINMENT & LISTINGS

Stornoway set to bow out

By James Richings

IT will be the end of an era when Stornoway gig at the New Theatre

The four piece alternative indie folk group from Oxford will conclude their farewell UK tour at the George Street venue next Sunday in front of what is expected to be a packed crowd

So to give the group the perfect send off, keyboardist Jon Ouin revealed that the band didn t compile their final set list

"We actually had a vote amongst our fans as to which of our songs they wanted us to play," Jon told the Guardian.

"So in terms of songs they ll know roughly what to expect but we're also aiming to pull the stops out in various other top secret ways and go out with a bang

"And don't forget it will be our last ever gig so we will attempt to make it into a proper celebration of a decade we've had playing together"

Named after the town on the Isle of Lewis Stornoway were formed after guitarist, lyricist and lead singer Brian Briggs met Jon at an Oxford college in the mid-2000s

Originally focusing on their post graduate courses Brian decided to share some of his self-penned tunes to Jon who also had a mutual like for folk music The two got together and were joined by brothers Oli (bass) and Rob (drums) Steadman

Stornoway, from left, Oli Steadman, Brian Briggs, Rob Steadman and Jon Ouin

After a number of gigs at small clubs around the city their first major taste of success was in March 2006 when a demo version of I Saw You Blink was played on BBC Oxford Introducing

But it wasn't until 2009 when Stornoway became a well-known name.

They had sets at Radio 1's Big Weekend, Glastonbury and on Later -with Jools Holland, where they became the first unsigned band to appear on the show alongside Jay Z, Sting and The Foo Fighters

Jon said, "We are proud of what we've done as a band, the gigs we've played and the albums and records we've made but nowadays it just so happens that we're all leading very separate lives in different places now

"Also more to the point, we funda mentally loathe each other"

The concert will take place on Sunday March 12 and tickets cost £22.15 to £27.15

It starts at 7 30pm

Expect some bad attitude at the O2

STOCKPORT based band Dutch Uncles have continued with their tradition of releasing an album every two years

Big Balloon, their fifth album in eight years came out last month and they ll showcase the tunes at their debut gig at the O2 Academy on Wednesday March 8 – their first gig in the city since their previous record O Shudder, came out in 2015

And with each album having a different sound, lead singer and pianist Duncan Wallis admitted he wasn t sure what genre his music is.

"That s your (the listener's) call to make," he said.

He added "On the night expect 18 slices of bad attitude We re digging up some of the last few surprises from our back catalogue that have either gathered dust or never even been touched

"So to anyone that's seen us in the last few years and feels familiar with some of our album tracks, there will even be something new for them too

"On the whole though, we're trying to compliment the new record with our other choices and it's shaping up just lovely"

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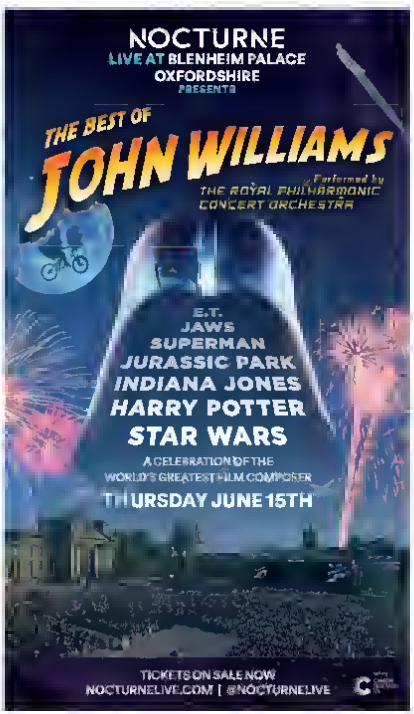

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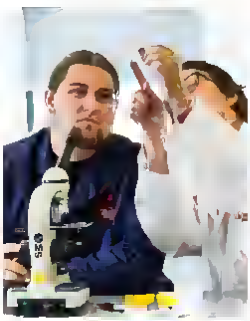

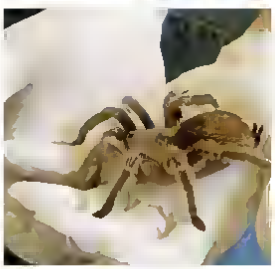

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Isuzu pick-up takes it to D-Max

By Tony Yates

FOR this week's review – I have decided to do a bit of Arctic Exploring – because the car I am testing is the Isuzu D-Max Arctic pick-up truck which is a vehicle festooned with large wheels, Botox bodywork and an engine that would if required, move the Polar Ice-Caps.

So to keep things simple I will refrain from going to the North or South Pole and instead drive a truck that was designed to work in an extreme environment around the county of Staffordshire while blocking all the roads and causing total havoc as I try to park something the size of a 747 in a little town called Uttoxeter

POWER AND EFFICIENCY

The D-Max is powered by a 2.5 litre twin turbo diesel engine that has 360PS and 400Nm of torque. I won't go into too much detail regarding performance – as the D-Max is not about performance – it's about being a workhorse. But for those of you who want to know, Max speed comes in around 111mph and on the combined cycle – I was able to achieve 33mpg.

ON THE ROAD

Here, I think we should focus mainly on the D-Max's off-road abilities – so I shall start with that. I have a friend who owns a farm – and he had kindly let me use some of its muddy paths to see how it would fair compared to his Land Rover Well, I have to say – the D-Max was pretty faultless really But then again, that is mainly thanks to those large wheels which help improve the ride height massively That raised ride height also means it will pretty much clamber over anything in its path.

Also, I always take a pre-set route that can sometimes take me up to 200miles away from my starting point which is a good test to find out how the vehicle fared on normal roads as well as mater ways Well, I am happy to say it did a great job, apart from those massive tyres' which do seem to make a lot of road noise But, to be fair the D-Max was actually a decent ride on normal roads Although, the suspension was quite firm – but then I suppose it has to be because of what the D-Max was originally designed to do.

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

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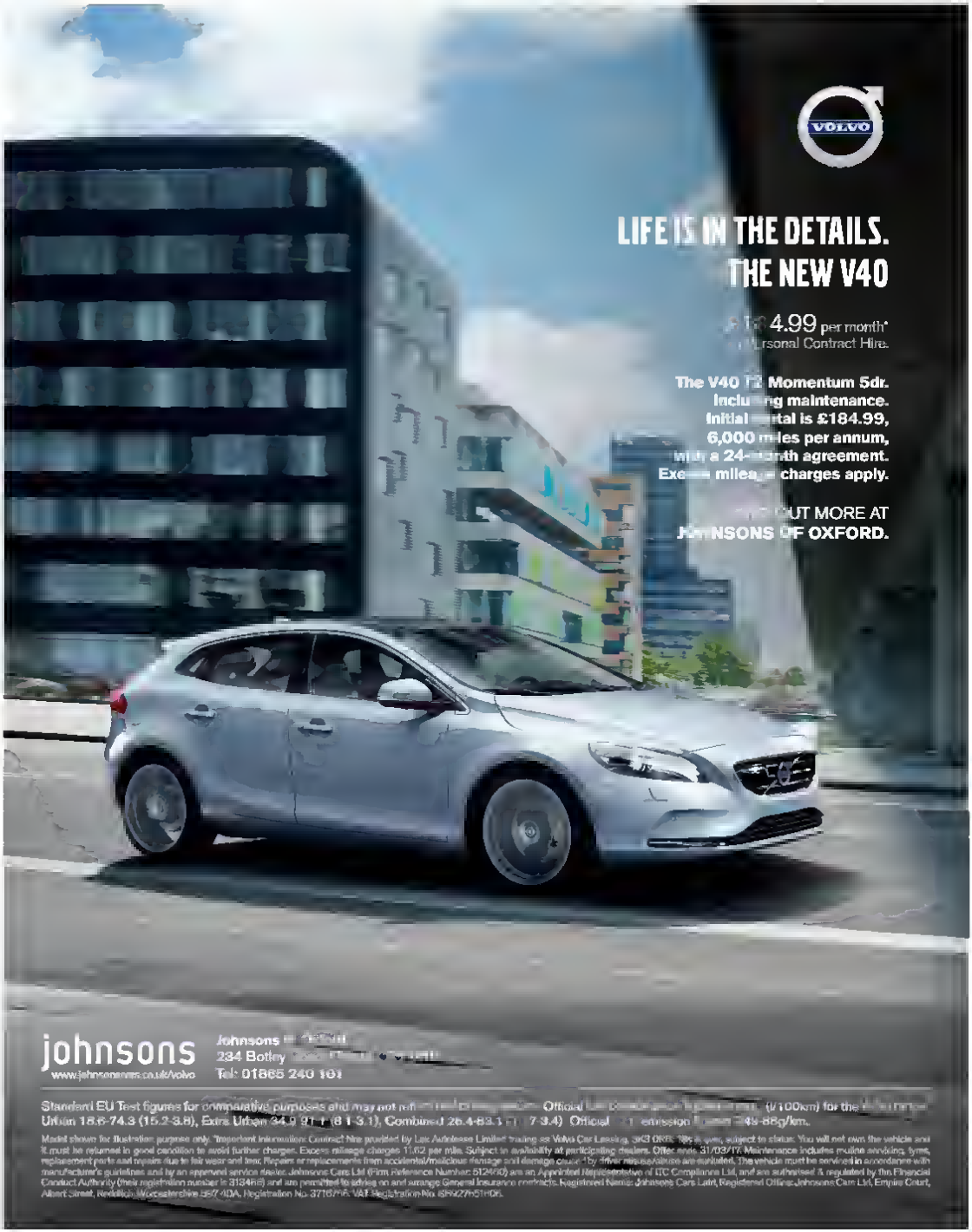
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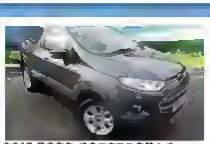

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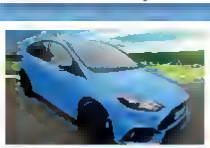

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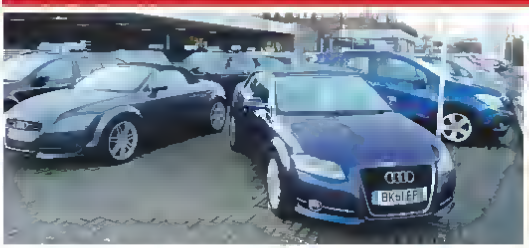

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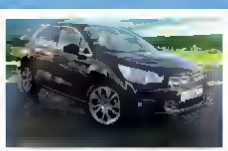

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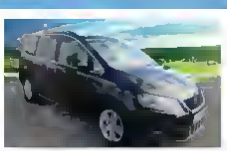

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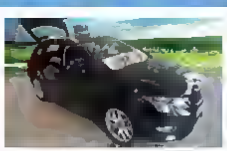

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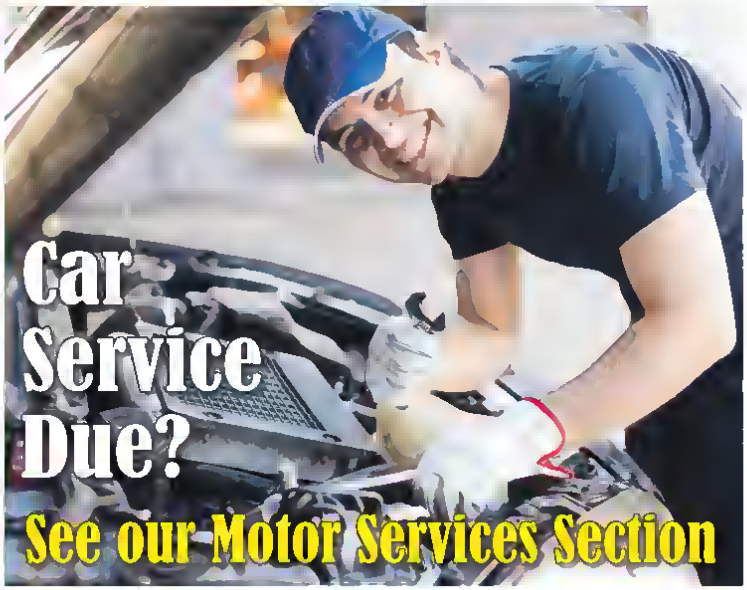

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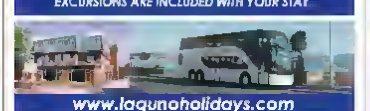

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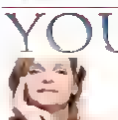

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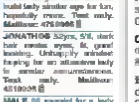

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Another missed cut for Pepperell in South Africa

Golf

ABINGDON golfer Eddie Pepperell is still waiting to make his first cut of the season after another disappointing result at the Joburg Open in South Africa

He finished the tournament in a tie for 130th, after bad weather and flooding on Saturday saw the event reduced to just 54 holes

In a very competitive field, Pepperell ended one under par for his two rounds, posting scores of 69 and 73.

The 26-year old made a solid start to the tournament, with four birdies and two bogeys in his opening round putting him two under

However his second round was much more topsy-turvy with an eagle and two bogeys spoiled somewhat by five bogeys

That left him on one under par, with four under the cut off point needed to make the final round s play

So far this season Pepperell hasn't been able to break into the top-100 of the four tournaments he has played in, although his round one score of 68 at the Joburg Open was his first under 70 this year

South African player Darren Fichardt was the overall winner on 15 under par one shot ahead of England's Paul Waring and Welshman Stuart Manley

Golf club tees off green credentials

Golf

BEST known as one of Oxfordshire's finest golf clubs, Frilford Heath now has another award to its name. Outstanding Environmental Project of the Year 2017

The award which is one of the categories under the 2017 Golf Environment Awards (GEA) was announced at the Hotel Du Vin, in Harrogate in a ceremony hosted by the Sports Turf Research Institute (STRI) Group in January

The course lies within Frilford Heath, Ponds and Fens s Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)

A unique Oxfordshire habitat, Frilford Heath Golf Club amazed the judging panel with their fen restoration works at Boundary House Fen

Neglected for many years, their efforts have seen the return of a number of fen indicator species including hog pimpernel, which is only found at a handful of sites in Oxfordshire

In partnership with Natural England, and with the help of Abingdon Green Gym volunteers the green keeping team have worked to enhance this nationally important habitat for the future of the SSSI

Speaking about the award, company chairman Alistair Booth said. "We are delighted to receive recognition for our work with partners by winning this award.

"The fen restoration is just one of a series of activities undertaken at the golf course to enhance the rare habitat."

Oxfordshire's F1 teams get their first chance to try out

Massa pounds round as Stroll spins off

Felipe Massa on track on day one of the test Picture: Williams Martini Racing

F1 - Williams

By Adam Flinn

WILLIAMS had a mixed start to pre season testing as Felipe Massa produced some quick times on day one, while Lance Stroll spun off after just 12 laps on day two

Massa pounded round the Spanish track of Catalunya on the first day of this week s test on Monday notching up an impressive 163 laps – the second highest amount of any driver

His time of 1:22 076 was the third fastest of the day within three tenths of the best time set by Lewis Hamilton in the Mercedes

Testing is notoriously unreliable in gauging how the cars are performing in comparison to each other but both the team and Massa were happy after giving the FW40 its first proper run.

Massa said. "The first day of the test is always one where you hope everything on the car works well and that it s reliable, and with 163 laps on the board I'd say that wasn thad at all.

"It's early to say where we are whilst we're still in this learning stage but I m really enjoying driving.

"Overall it was a great first day, which is really positive for the whole team.

"We completed more than 100 laps and I really hope we learn new things day by day and prepare ourselves as best as we can for the first race in Australia."

However it was a tougher day on Tuesday for Massa s rookie teammate Stroll, as an early spin into the gravel trap ended his running prematurely

The 18-year-old Canadian was six laps into his second run during the morning and was caught out by low grip sending his Wilhams barrelling backwards through the gravel.

He was able to recover to the pit lane but the damage was such that the Grove-based team had to pull down the shutters early

Rob Smedley, Wilhams' head of performance engineering, said "Lance was on lap six of his second run when he had a spin.

"The grip was particularly low and so he spun and went through the gravel backwards.

"Even though the accident was entirely innocuous we've unfortunately had quite a bit of accident damage

"We will be able to recover the programme in the coming days."

Stroll was back out on track yesterday to try and make up some last ground, with day three of the test continuing as The Oxford Paper went to press.

But despite his troubled start Stroll was optimistic about how things were going.

He said on day two: "It is still early days and I have only done a handful of laps

"I am just getting to grips with the FW40 and there is still a lot of time ahead of us

"It was good to finally get behind the wheel to just get a feel for it.

"I need to do a lot more running before I know exactly where I am and where the car is at, and I will have a much better picture once we have more laps under our belts

"But it was good to break the ice and I am looking forward to some more running."

This week's test ends today, with the second test running from Tuesday to Friday next week, ahead of the first race of the season in Australia on March 26

Smith gearing up for start of new season

MotoGP

OXFORD MotoGP racer Bradley Smith has been showing off his new bike for the coming season, as Red Bull KTM enter their first MotoGP campaign

After representing Tech3 at both Moto2 and MotoGP since 2011 Smith, alongside his Yamaha teammate Pol Espargaro have joined new team Red Bull KTM Factory Racing for their debut 2017 season

And on Monday last week, the pair helped officially unveil their new KTM RC16 bikes at the new KTM Motorsports building in Munderfing, Austria.

It was rolled out at the end of October 2015 at the Red Bull Ring in Spielberg Austria, and since then the team has conducted more than 50 test days on various GP circuits around the world.

And Smith can't wait to start chasing points with it.

The 26-year-old said. "This is something that you have always wished for and that you've worked for throughout your career

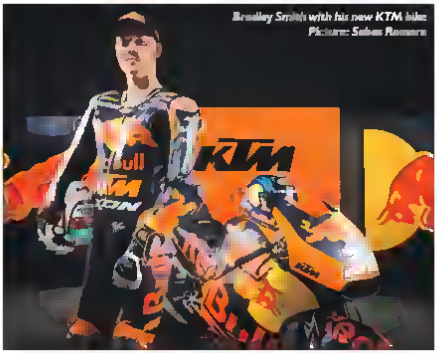
"Finally when you get the opportunity, there's the pressure that goes with it but I certainly embrace the opportunity I have.

"Pol and I and all the team will be working incredibly hard.

"We've been busy with the winter tests, and this is just the beginning.

"I'm excited to see what 2017 brings."

Smith also confirmed that he is back to full fitness after injuring his leg last season, with the first GP of the new season taking place in Qatar on March 26



Bradley Smith with his new KTM bike Picture: Sabou Rossaro

their cars as testing begins in Barcelona

Solid start for Renault

F1 - Renault

By Adam Flinn

RENAULT drivers Nico Hulkenberg and Jolyon Palmer each completed a half century of laps as they shared duties on the first two days of this week's pre season test.

Hulkenberg got behind the wheel of the brand new RS17 on Monday, and chalked up 57 laps as the Enstone-based team ironed out the kinks

The running was relatively trouble-free, although the team said they spent a bit longer in the garage than planned as modifications were made to the front brake ducts.

Hulkenberg, who has joined Renault for 2017, said: "It was an exciting first day with a new team and completely different type of Formula One car

"It feels very different out on track with a lot of new aspects to discover as we re at the start of a steep learning curve.

"It wasn t the most trouble-free day, but it's been a good start in my new home."

Day two on Tuesday produced similar results, as Palmer managed to complete 53 laps after a late start to his running.

Renault weren't able to complete any laps in the morning as they were delayed waiting for parts.

However once they got going after lunch there were only minor interruptions as Palmer completed a full programme.

"We had a productive afternoon with 53 laps," said Palmer

"I've really enjoyed driving the car, it's completely different from last year and takes a little bit of getting used to but it s actually a lot more enjoyable to drive.

"It s just a shame not to have ran in the morning but we learnt a lot regardless."

Palmer and Hulkenberg were due to share running yesterday as The Oxford Paper went to press, with the test concluding today

The second test runs from Tuesday to Friday next week.

Remi Taffin, Renault's engine technical director said: "Everything we've seen from the power unit perspective has been positive, and we're looking forward to getting some bigger mileages under our belts in the coming days."

Youngsters tackle team spirit

Rugby – under 11s

CHIPPING Norton Rugby Club Under 11s might have missed out on appearing at the Aviva Premiership Rugby Final at Twickenham in May but starlet Tom Wilson still insists he experienced a memorable weekend at a rugby festival.

Wilson and Chipping Norton under 11s had been hoping to head to Twickenham on May 27 to meet an England 2003 Rugby World Cup winner and join in a Land Rover Premiership Rugby Cup Parade at half-time – but it wasn't to be, despite a strong performance at the Gloucester Rugby-organised festival.

Wilson and his team were one of more than 30 teams competing at the Land Rover Premiership Rugby Cup, a nationwide series for under 11 and under 12 teams, in Cheltenham on February 19.

"We passed quite a lot, we communicated well, we rucked over very well to get the ball and passed it out to our wingers to score the tries," said 11 year-old Wilson.

"I play rugby for fun and enjoy playing a game that is just wonderful. I do it because it widens my range of friendships so I can make friends with people who aren't at the same school as me.

"I've developed my friendships today and we worked well as a team during the games."

Land Rover is a proud supporter of grassroots rugby and has been a partner of the Land Rover Premiership Rugby Cup for nearly a decade. Land Rover s 'We Deal In Real' campaign continues to champion grassroots rugby through Premiership Rugby and the Land Rover Premiership Rugby Cup.

New chairman for Thame

Cricket

THE chairman and vice-chairman have swapped positions in a shake up at the top for Thame Town Cricket Club.

The club announced the decision for Matt Swain (pictured) to replace Angus Lachlan as club chairman following its AGM on February 10.

Swain was unanimously elected for the top job after Lachlan announced he was standing down after a decade as chairman.

Lachlan said: "I have been privileged to hold the position of chairman for 10 years succeeding acting chairman Rob Brooks following the untimely death of previous chairman John Fulkes in 2004.

"I have enjoyed my time immensely as the club has gone through huge changes in the last 10 years.

"We have grown the membership and club s finances year on year culminating in the planning of our new clubhouse development which Matt, myself and the rest of the committee are taking forward."

New chairman Swain confirmed that a tender package for the clubhouse development would be ready in April.

On the day-to-day club matters he added: "We are lucky to have a stable and dedicated club committee to run our expanding activities.

"My priorities as chairman will be to continue to grow club membership and develop our close relationships with Thame's community, the town council, Lord Williams' School and the town's primary schools."

Magnussen happy with first days in new Haas

F1 - Haas

KEVIN Magnussen made a promising start to his Haas F1 career after giving the Banbury-based team's car its first run out in the first pre-season test on Monday and Tuesday

Day one saw him post the fourth quickest time of the session, while he completed a mammoth 116 laps on day two

Magnussen, who has moved to Haas from Renault for this year was one of the first drivers out on track on Monday and managed to complete a respectable 51 laps

His time of 1.22 894 was good enough for fourth out of the 11 runners just over a second behind the benchmark set by Lewis Hamilton in the Mercedes.

But the team would have been more satisfied with the amount of laps they notched up on Tuesday, with Magnussen completing the most out of any driver

Once again he was fourth quickest with a 1.22.204, again around a second slower than the leading time set by Ferrari's Kimi Raikkonen.

"I got the most laps of anyone, so that sums up our day pretty well, with lots of running," said Magnussen.

"That's what it s all about here at winter testing. We want to put as many miles on the car as possible to find all of these little problems that can creep up during the season, and catch them as early as possible.

"I m very happy with the feeling I have in the car and in working with the team, it's been good to get back in a car again."

Romain Grosjean took over from Magnussen for day three yesterday and is due to continue in the car today as the first test concludes.

'Learning experience' for Brize Norton

Alpine skiing

BRIZE Norton skier Jack Cunningham admits he will put the 2017 English Alpine Championships down as something of a learning curve after a mixed bag of results on the slopes

Cunningham, 14, joined 400 of the country s most talented skiers at the Italian resort of Bormio to battle it out for the coveted English titles

The championships celebrated their 10th year in Bormio with Cunningham, who lives on the RAF base, competing in the under 16 category

The week did not get off to the best of starts as the Cheltenham College pupil failed to finish the first run of the Slalom race

But he bounced back in the Giant Slalom, clocking the sixth best time before finishing 14th in the Super G

That was enough to see him finish as the 16th best British under 16 skier overall, with Cunningham keen to take the positives out of the week.

He said: "My week has been up and down. The Super G was okay but I didn t ski it well. My GS and Slalom were okay but could have been better."

Cunningham was not the only skier from the area in action last week with Oxford's Adrian Yung also competing in the under 14 category

The 12-year old Magdalen College School pupil was 20th in the slalom first up 12th in the Giant Slalom and then 19th in the Super G to finish as the 17th best British skier overall.

Full results are available at snowsportengland.org.uk, while you can find your nearest slope offering Go Ski Go Board sessions at goskigoboard.org.uk.

Jack Cunningham on the slopes in Bormio

Oxford Gane a point after debut strike by Evie for home draw

OUWFC

UNITED picked up their first point of the WSL Spring Series after fighting out a 1-1 home draw against Brighton.

Having lost at home in their opener to Everton the yellows were keen to kickstart their campaign.

They made their intentions clear in the first five minutes as captain Lauren Haynes managed to find space before her shot drifted wide of the post.

Striker Ini Umotong thought she had put the U s 1-0 up in the 16th minute after a terrific delivery from a corner but the referee had already blown for a foul.

Umotong was also denied minutes later after being through on goal but was brought down by Albion defender Charlotte Young, who was given a rather lenient yellow card.

Midway through the first half Brighton enjoyed a spell of possession but the away side stood firm with some resolute defending.

Oxford's strong defence was undone in the 32nd minute as Bronwen Thomas struck past United keeper Demi Lambourne to make it 1-0 to the Seasiders.

Oxford Women celebrate Evie Gane's equaliser against the Seasiders

In the 36th minute another chance fell to Umotong but she blasted over the bar.

The yellows started off the second half brightly and were very much in control of the ball. Again Umotong burst forward but was brought down, with the referee waving play on.

Twenty five minutes from the end, Evie Gane made a dream debut by equalising for Oxford to secure the first point of the season.

United bid farewell to 'terrific servant'

LOYAL coach Richard Blackmore has left Oxford United's coaching set-up after nearly two decades at the club.

The long-serving Blackmore, pictured right, stepped down last week after 17 years with the U's.

He left the club immediately from his most recent role as general manager at the academy.

United said he "has been a terrific servant of the club" and "will be much missed by everyone behind the scenes".

Over the years Blackmore has held a variety of roles at United, from coach to women s manager.

He told the club website: "I have loved my time at the club and it has been a massive part of my life for so long but I feel the time is right to move on and find a new challenge.

"I am privileged to have met so many fantastic people along the way and am particularly proud of the work we have done to develop the women s team and the pathway for talented young footballers to make their way all the way to the first team.

"I d like to thank everyone for their help and friendship over the years and wish the club well for the future."

U's chairman Darryl Eales has his own tribute, saying: "Richard worked extremely hard behind the scenes and we are going to miss [illegible].

"On behalf of everyone at the club we thank him for everything he has done and wish him well in whatever he chooses to do next.

"He remains a true friend of the club and is welcome back anytime."

Sky to show Wanderers clash

THE Sky Sports cameras will roll up to the Kassam later this month as Oxford United s Sky Bet League 1 home game against Bolton Wanderers has been selected for TV.

There is no change to the date, with the game still being played on Tuesday, March 21 or to kick-off, which remains at 7.45pm.

Michael Appleton s side returned from Bolton in October with maximum points following as impressive 2-0 win.

Chris Maguire and the now injured Wes Thomas found the back of the net that day.

The game is the second time the Sky cameras have visited the U s this season, after October's 3-1 defeat to AFC Wimbledon.

Tickets are also now on sale for United s trip to Oldham on Tuesday, March 14.

Get tickets for both games at oufctickets.co.uk or 0865 337533.

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Didcot go off the rails again as hunt goes on for first win of 2017

Didcot Town

DIDCOT Town are still without their first league win of 2017 after they went down 2-1 at AFC Totton on Saturday.

Their hosts who sit four places below The Railwaymen, started the brighter of the two and were rewarded with a penalty for handball in the 12th minute.

Totton striker Nathaniel Sherborne stepped up, initially missing from the spot but following up from the rebound to fire the home side in front.

Totton continued to threaten, but George Jeacock made it 1-1 with a low shot from distance that goalkeeper Charlie Seattle was unable to keep out.

The sides went into the break all square. Just after the hour mark Charlie Gibson fired home past Didcot keeper Leigh Bedwell to give Totton a 2-1 lead. Didcot pushed for an equaliser with Callum McNish and Ben Whitehead going close but they were unable to prevent the visitors slipping to an eighth game without a win.

United lose game of Ardley any chances

Ardley United

ARDLEY United succumbed to their first league defeat in five games as they went down 1-0 at home to Lydney Town on Saturday.

In a game of few chances the first half was one to forget – littered with poor play and a whistle that blew at every challenge.

It took until the 24th minute for any real threat at a goal when a quick Lydney throw saw Lewis Bamford in behind the home defence, but as he looked to shoot a blue shirt got across to block and the chance was gone.

Seconds after the restart the home side started brightly as a Jack Ross pass found Leam Howards but he mishooked his shot.

Ardley continued to dominate, enjoying plenty of possession.

But Lydney s solid defending was rewarded with a penalty 11 minutes from time.

Declan Morley Lyne fired home from the spot to make it 1-0.

Earlier on, Ardley felt they should have been awarded a penalty when Cruise went down in the box but the referee judged it to be just outside.

Ardley remain sixth in the table and they visit league leaders Brackley next weekend.

Tuesday s Supplementary Cup game with Letcombe was postponed.

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Comic [illegible] in the first of his three goals against Chesterfield on Saturday and inset [illegible] Josh Ruffels in action in the same game
Picture: Darrell Fisher

An in-Spired performance

By George Scotland

OXFORD United moved within four points of the League One play-offs after thrashing Chesterfield 4-0 on the road on Saturday

On loan Everton striker Conor McAleny scored two unbelievable goals before completing a hat-trick in the second half as the City of Dreaming Spires showed their class over the relegation threatened Spireites

The Yellows, like much of their performances this season, showed great energy from the start with wingers Chris Maguire and Rob Hall terrorising the Chesterfield defence

And it was Hall who fired Oxford in front after West Ham loanee Toni Martinez made a smart run before storming into the box to square the ball for his team mate who scored with his first touch.

Chesterfield had only really had two good chances in the first 45 when Simon Eastwood made a good save to keep out Kristian Dennis's effort.

Shortly afterwards former Championship heavyweight Sylvan Ebanks Blake was unlucky with a snap shot on the turn that flew straight over the bar

Just before the break, Liam Sercombe moved forward at pace and then found McAleny who only joined Oxford last month.

He turned on the style with brilliant technique to smash home a bouncing ball into the top left corner to give them a comfortable 2-0 lead.

Oxford continued to dominate at the Proact Stadium way into the second half but Chesterfield, desperate for points at the bottom of the table started to throw men forward.

By the 60th minute 24 year old McAleny scored his second as the Chesterfield back four failed to close him down. At 3-0 there was no coming back for the home side

Less than 10 minutes later, Martinez added his name to the list of Oxford United hat trick heroes as he coolly planted the ball home assisted by Sercombe.

It could have been worse for Chesterfield.

Maguire and Martinez both had one on one chances before the end but, regardless, 900 away fans went back to Oxford proud after a triumphant victory

This weekend United are back at the Kassam taking on Bristol Rovers.

Ruffels signs new contract to 2018

AFTER the great result at the weekend there was more good news for United with midfielder Josh Ruffels signing a new contract until June 2018

The 23-year-old whose contract was due to exp re this year has made 19 appearances for Oxford so far scoring one goal

The midfielder has been described by head coach Michael Appleton as a trusted member of the squad but has only made one league appearance since October featuring in the 4-0 thrashing away to Chesterfield on Saturday

Appleton praised Ruffels in December as a diamond and is glad to have kept him for two more years, recently saying he was an integral part of the squad

Despite his limited starts for the club this season the former Coventry City trainee never gave serious consideration to turning down Oxford

He said "I've been really happy here. My game time has been limited and the thought of going out on loan was in my mind but I think I've made the right decision now"

Before signing a new contract the former Kidlington schoolboy had been at the club four years joining in June 2013 on a free transfer.

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